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## 1500 SAN PEDRO CANNERY WORKERS STRIKE

### Mass Pressure Frees MacLauchlan From C. S. Charges

#### Union Wages On Projects Asked by Labor Candidates

Delegation Led By Redfern Mason Cites  
More Than Twenty Relief Projects  
Paying Less Than Union Scales

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Led by Redfern Mason, candidate for Mayor on the United Labor Ticket, a committee of United Labor candidates and representatives of the Public Works Unemployed Union, called on Mayor Angelo Rossi last Friday and presented a petition demanding payment of union wage scales on all relief projects in this city.

The Resolution read:  
To the Honorable Angelo

J. Rossi,  
Mayor of San Francisco, Calif.

THIS RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS: the state WPA headquarters in San Francisco demands that the city of San Francisco post bonds to guarantee completion of all relief projects, at the prevailing union rates of pay; and

WHEREAS: Clyde Healy, city engineer, and E. M. McAuliffe, chairman of the County Relief Committee, denied that such bonds are necessary, and that some sort of vague assurance that the city will underwrite the projects to insure their completion is all that is necessary; and

WHEREAS: there are more than twenty projects now in progress at wages that are below the prevailing union rates for 120 hours, and Mr. Frank Y. McLauchlan, State WPA Administrator has declared that no security wages at prevailing union rates will be paid unless the sponsors of the projects post bonds to guarantee same;

WHEREAS: This inhuman attitude of our public servants in the face of desperate conditions for the thousands of unemployed cries to high heaven for public censure.

THEREFORE be it resolved: that we, citizens of San Francisco, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

#### I.L.D. Asks Protest Against Frame-Up Of Four Sealers

ATTORNEY FOR WATER-  
FRONT EMPLOYERS AP-  
PEARS IN COURTROOM

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Arraignment of the four sealers whom employers are attempting to frame on charges of murder, was postponed until Thursday, Oct. 24.

The International Labor Defense, which is handling the cases, urges that protest demanding dismissal of all charges against these men, be sent to Superior Judge Jacks here immediately.

Meanwhile the District Attorney's office flatly refused to grant warrants for arrest against two men who were proven to have carried the weapons on the night they attempted to break up a meeting of the Sealers' Union. Madden of the DA's office told Leo Gallagher to "go to the Grand Jury."

Gallagher is able to prove at any time that these men carried weapons, not the men who are being framed, and that they are the ones who precipitated the fight which led to the eventual death of one man and the knifing of several others.

#### SAN PEDRO FISH CANNERY UNION VOTES WALKOUT

STRUGGLE MAY SPREAD  
TO WILMINGTON AND  
LONG BEACH

On Eve of Season

AGREEMENT IS ALREADY  
SIGNED BY ONE OF  
LARGEST PLANTS

BULLETIN

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Oct. 21.—(By Wire)—Three canneries, French Sardine, Seapride, Southern California Packing, met union demands. Franco and California Packing remain unsigned.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Oct. 21.—Fifteen hundred fish cannery workers, under leadership of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union (A. F. of L.) will strike at 8 a. m. here tomorrow morning for increased wages and recognition of their union. By a vote of 250 to 9 a meeting of the union determined, Friday night, Oct. 18, to walk out of the canneries of the Seapride Corp., French Sardine Co., California Packing Corp., Franco-Italian Packing Co., and Southern California Fish Corp.

The largest fish cannery on Terminal Island, owned by the Van Camp company, has already signed an agreement with the union which grants improved working conditions, recognition of the union and basic wages of 40 cents an hour for women, 45 cents per hour for men, and for skilled workers grants wage increases as high as 20 per cent, returning to the 1929 scale.

This strike, right on the eve of the sardine packing season, is expected to spread to Wilmington and Long Beach fish canneries. The Young Communist League is working determinedly to bring the unorganized workers in the canneries into the struggle side by side with their union brothers.

According to Jack Moore, secretary of the union, the strike demands (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8.)

#### AFL ACTION ON HERNDON CASE

On Record to Fight  
For Repeal of  
'Slave Law'

By Federated Press.

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 21.—The American Federation of Labor convention went on record to work for repeal of the Georgia slave insurrection law, in dealing with resolutions on behalf of Angelo Herndon, young Negro worker sentenced to 18 to 20 years on the chain gang under this ancient statute for organizing Georgian unemployed.

Objection to the omission of Herndon's name from the committee's report was made by Julius Hochman of the Int. Ladies Garment Workers' Union, who said the best way to fight the law would be to take an interest in this particular case. He was opposed by A. Steve Nance of the Georgia Federation of Labor who declared that body had "no interest in the parties named in the resolution."

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—The International Labor Defense, Northern California Section, has petitioned 30 California State Assemblies (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

#### Growth of Progressive Forces Seen In 55th Annual A. F. of L. Convention

#### 1936 Olympic Games In Germany Will Be Boycotted

By Federated Press.

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 18.—Reaffirming its boycott of German goods and services, the American Federation of Labor at its convention extended its ban to include the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, in a strongly worded resolution against Nazis and Fascists.

Urging all American sports organizations not to participate in the Olympic Games, the resolution points out that "such participation would be used only to confer prestige upon the Nazi regime."

While calling for support of the Labor Chest for the relief of European victims of Fascism, the convention on recommendation of the resolutions committee rejected a resolution of the Int'l Ladies Garment Workers for aiding refugees from Fascist terror to find asylum in the United States. The committee claimed the resolution would conflict with present immigration laws. The vote was close on rejection.

#### Industrial Unionism And Labor Party Forces Strong

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 21.—Ending in a fist fight and a class-collaboration sermon by re-elected President Will. Green, the American Federation closed its 55th annual convention here last Saturday night—the most turbulent and vital convention in A. F. of L. history.

Outstanding features of this year's sessions was the enormous growth of the progressive faction since last year's convention in San Francisco. Torrents of language swept the great banquet hall of the Hotel Chelsea during the past days as the still dominant conservative element headed by Green fought the powerful influences of new forces.

Although the two most vital issues, industrial unionism and the Labor Party, were defeated by the Green machine, the enormous new strength of progressive forces which fought many issues to a close vote, can be regarded as a (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

#### Picket Liné to Meet Mussolini Ship in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—The Italian ship Cellina, bound for Trieste, will be picketed by various maritime unions, the League Against War and Fascism and other anti-fascist groups when she docks at Pier 41 here tomorrow.

The Cellina, whose movements are clouded in secrecy since she was picketed by A. F. of L. workers at Seattle last week, it is reported will arrive at 7:30 a. m. Other reports declare she will not dock until Noon.

#### GULF STRIKERS HOLDING FIRM

Ryan Stalls Hoping  
To Block Action  
In Other Ports

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 21.—Despite police terror and repeated attempts to smash picket lines the strike of more than 500 Gulf Coast longshoremen remains solid in its third week.

Negro and white workers are fighting shoulder to shoulder on the docks here in an attempt to win better working conditions and recognition of their union, the International Longshoremen's Association.

Despite pleas from the strikers here for support, Joseph P. Ryan, head of the International, refuses to take action on hot cargo arriving on the North Atlantic Coast from this area. Ryan thus far has been content to give lip service and has applied to the Industrial Relations Board for an "investigation."

Ryan Sell-Out.

He ordered New Bedford longshoremen back to work on the basis of a compromise after the men had refused to unload scab cargo from New Orleans. Now Ryan declares he will take action "after Nov. 1," if the shipowners still refuse to grant the demands of the strikers.

In several Texas ports it was reported over the week-end that the Texas Rangers, a well-known state police body, had been called to the docks to guard scabs who are to be put to work.

Another Negro longshoreman was injured by thugs, bring the total of those wounded during the strike to five.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Permit men who have been doing longshore work this week were to be registered for regular work on the docks. This action came after shipowners demanded and had been granted additional workers to take care of an alleged "shortage" of longshoremen.

A committee of one representative from the shipowners and one from the I. L. A. is to register the men. Only those who have been working on permits will be taken at this time, it was announced. Others may be registered at a later date.

At Stockton, where workers at the Holly Sugar plant are on strike demanding recognition of their union, longshoremen and other unions have declared they will refuse to handle any scab cargo that may come from the plant.

To date however, no attempt has been made by the company to operate the plant. The same firm owns another shop in Alvarado, near Crockett.

#### DISMISSAL WON FOR SANTA ANA C. S. DEFENDANT

MASS PRESSURE FORCES  
PROSECUTOR TO FREE  
M'LAUCHLAN

Workers Pack Court  
UNITED FRONT FOUGHT  
AGAINST FRAME-UP  
ATTEMPT

By John Broman.

SANTA ANA, Calif., Oct. 18.—A rising tide of mass pressure today forced the dismissal of criminal syndicalism charges brought against Charles McLauchlan, Orange County organizer of the Communist Party.

While workers packing the court room cheered lustily, Deputy District Attorney James L. Davis asked dismissal of the three counts of criminal syndicalism, and McLauchlan was freed.

Coming virtually on the eve of the Southern California Congress for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, to be held Sunday in Los Angeles, tremendous impetus was given to the people's forces for democratic rights in Orange County and throughout Southern California.

\* Celebrate Victory.

In an impromptu demonstration on the courthouse lawn, McLauchlan enthusiastically hailed the victory of a united front of workers, farmers and middle-class people in forcing his freedom.

"This attempted frame-up was exploded by the mass action of the workers and their allies in Orange County," he said. "We are going to surge on to further (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

#### 101 Organizations Fight C. S. Law in Los Angeles Rally

196,000 REPRESENTED AT SO.  
CALIF. CONGRESS  
OCT. 20

By John Broman.

LOS ANGELES, October 20.—Death penalty for California's infamous Criminal Syndicalism Law was passed here today by delegates representing 196,147 workers, farmers, liberals, and radicals in 101 Southern California organizations.

Trade unionists, Epics, Communists, Utopians, and unemployed workers united to form a mighty united front in this Southern California Congress for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, and formed a solid organizational base for successful struggle against this law of the capitalist class.

Regional organizations were set up throughout Southern California, to be known as the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, which will lead the educational and organizational fight among the workers, farmers and middle class elements.

Farmer-Labor Ticket Endorsed.  
A United Farmer-Labor Ticket was endorsed by the Congress, as a mighty weapon in the struggle. The American Youth Congress was unanimously endorsed by the delegates.

Called by the Los Angeles Conference for Labor's Civil Rights, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

#### Ethiopia Repels Invaders; French Votes Aid Peace

ELECTION OF COMMUNIST  
LEADER IS NEW ANTI-  
FASCIST VICTORY

Cachin In Senate

LAVAL WINS, BUT MORE  
VOTES GO TO PEOPLES  
FRONT CANDIDATES

PARIS, Oct. 21.—The peace policy of the Soviet Union, as reflected by the People's Front here in its strong stand for full anti-imperialist sanctions against fascist war adventurers, was enthusiastically endorsed by the electors in the Seine Department yesterday when they elected Marcel Cachin, leader of the Communist Party of France, to the Senate, together with five other People's Front candidates.

Cachin's smashing victory at the polls places a Communist in the Senate for the first time, and increases People's Front representation to eight out of ten seats.

Conservative newspapers commented nervously on the results of local and national polling, which in every case swung still wider support to People's Front candidates, while endorsing Laval's "middle of the road" peace policy, and utterly defeating the fascists who wanted to rally support for Mussolini.

In addition to Cachin, former Premier Steeg, who last summer joined the anti-fascist People's Front, was likewise elected with a more popular majority than Laval himself. All told, 107 seats were filled, this being the one-third quota elected at three-year intervals.

Indications are that the People's Front is coming close to making a clean sweep of all important elections, and all eyes will be focussed upon the Chamber of Deputies elections next spring. Support for sanctions against Italy is strengthened by this electoral victory.

Union members: Raise the question of having your delegate to the Central Labor Council support recognition of unemployed organizations.

#### L. A. Concert Sunday to Complete Drive for \$750 Daily Worker Fund

Workers' Press Drive Nears End As \$900  
Is Raised by Workers' Organizations

LOS ANGELES, October 20.—Climaxing the most successful drive for the workers' press ever held in this city, the Daily Worker Concert will be held here next Sunday night at 8 o'clock in the Mason Opera House, with a packed house audience anticipated.

Under the leadership of the Los Angeles Press Conference, including 25 workers' organizations, more than \$900 has been raised in this drive for the DAILY WORKER and for DAILY WESTERN WORKER. Of this sum, \$600 has been sent to the Daily Worker under the \$750 quota for the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party.

The concert is expected to bring in a flood of money that will carry Los Angeles over the top of its Daily Worker quota, and lay financial foundations to make the WESTERN WORKER the daily

Demands  
1—Withdrawal of Italian troops!  
2—Full collective economic sanctions!  
3—No arms for Italy!  
4—Close Suez Canal!  
5—Support Soviet peace policy!

Strike in Berlin  
PARTITIONING THREAT AS  
ARMIES IN ETHIOPIA  
IN MAJOR BATTLE

#### ANTI-WAR RALLY IN L. A. FRIDAY

Protest Committee  
Visits Italian  
Consulate

LOS ANGELES, October 22.—Broadening the base for a strenuous fight against war and fascism and against the Fascist Italian invasion of Ethiopia, the American League Against War and Fascism and the Young Friends of Ethiopia will jointly sponsor their second mass meeting here Friday at 8 p. m. in the Mason Opera House.

At the last mass meeting against war, the audience of 900 workers pledged unanimously to work for an even more successful assemblage on Oct. 25.

Leading role in assailing the murderous Fascist invasion into Ethiopia will be taken by Prince Modupe of Nigeria, African West Coast, who is an authority on African affairs and a graduate of Oxford University.

The attack on American constitutional rights along semi-fascist lines will be scored by the Rev. Clinton J. Taft, of the American Civil Liberties Union.

An anti-war skit will also be presented by the Contemporary Theater.

Admission is 10 cents.

PROTEST DELEGATION  
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19.—Demanding the immediate withdrawal (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

SPOKEMEN OF 2ND INT'L  
AND COMINTERN TO  
DISCUSS UNITY

Strike in Berlin

PARTITIONING THREAT AS  
ARMIES IN ETHIOPIA  
IN MAJOR BATTLE

HIGHLIGHTS

GENEVA—Germany officially drops from League membership. Ten day halt in sanctions applications.

ALEXANDRIA—Many Italian sick and wounded reported home-ward bound.

BERLIN—Workers win strike in Nazi war plant.

COPENHAGEN—Huge Danish shipments of mustard seed to Italy for making mustard gas reported.

NEW YORK—A. F. of L. leaders back peoples' peace march.

PARIS—Spokesmen for Second International to meet French Communist leaders to discuss possible unity of action.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Developments in the war situation give distinct evidence of a shift in the direction of further mutual agreements between the major imperialist powers for partitioning of Ethiopia. France's acceptance of Great Britain's conditions, at least in part, and Italy's hints of peace parleys, point to joint negotiations behind the scenes, with full agreement a matter of details and emphasis.

In the meanwhile, "skirmishes" between Italian and Ethiopian troops are likely to be followed by an upsurge of intensive fighting, with massed Ethiopians ready to resist Italy's further advance.

Emilio De Bono, high commissioner of Eritrea, is reported as having resigned due to shift in sentiment among fascist leaders. And fascist generals have come in for heavy criticism from headquarters due to delay in the subjugation process. An army of 300,000 Ethiopians under Ras Mulageta is expected to deliver a smashing counter-attack, following several minor victories.

(Via Daily Worker)

PARIS, Oct. 20.—Friedrich Adler and Emil Vandervelde, members of the secretariat of the Labor and Socialist (Second) International, arrived here yesterday for exploratory discussions with Marcel Cachin and Maurice Trovez, members of the negotiating committee appointed by the Communist International, following a letter by Adler to Cachin a few days ago.

This follows a decision by the Second International a few days ago, rejecting united front proposals by the Comintern for unity of action against war and fascism. Cachin wrote in l'Humanite, organ of the Communist Party of France, accepting the proposal for exploratory conversations:

"We will continue to fight to overcome all obstacles to unity of action of the world proletariat in the struggle against war and fascism. We readily accept the proposal of Friedrich Adler for the forthcoming meeting in Paris."

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Francis Gorman, president of the United Textile Workers of America, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

# Industrial Unionism Polls Huge AFL Convention Vote

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significant achievement by rank and file labor.

## Red-Baiting.

Although forced by progressives to greatly moderate their red-baiting resolution, the Green faction did manage to railroad it through in the last day of the convention. It was changed from expelling trade unionists who are Communist Party members from the unions, to barring such members from being delegates to Central Labor Councils.

Francis Gorman, president of the United Textile Workers, made a brilliant argument for the Labor Party last Saturday, citing failure of the Roosevelt New Deal and increasing industrial unrest as indications that a Labor Party was going to be built by the American workers regardless of what the A. F. of L. might decide on the subject.

## Fist Fight.

The fist fight occurred between John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers and William Hatcher of the carpenters' union during a period when tempers were flaring over attempts of Green and Hatcher to prevent further discussion on the Industrial Union subject.

Green and his faction also managed to kill resolutions for the formation of a labor youth movement, for organization of the unemployed and WPA workers, for the organization of cannery and agricultural workers.

By LEN DE CAUX

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 1.—Newsman had the American Federation of Labor convention completed action on the craft vs. industrial union issue as a matter of general principle, then essentially the same fight flared up again the next day in a jurisdictional controversy involving the metal mining industry. In the clear-cut division between the two groups created by the majority and minority reports from the resolutions committee, the advocates of industrial unionism in mass production industries were defeated by a roll-call vote of 18,025 to 10,921.

The vote was taken near midnight, after the debate had raged for seven hours. John L. Lewis and Philip Murray of the miners, Chas. P. Howard of the printers and Thomas F. McMahon of the textile workers led the fight for industrial unionism. John P. Drew and Matthew Woll of the resolutions committee, A. O. Wharton of the machinists and Victor Orlander of the seamen retorted with equal vigor in favor of the status quo.

The vote came on substitution of the minority report for that of the majority of the resolutions committee. The defeated minority report would have put the A. F. of L. on record in favor of unrestricted industrial union charters covering all workers in mass production industries. The majority report which was finally adopted reaffirms the San Francisco convention's declaration on the subject. This permits the chartering of industrial unions of "mass production employees" but also provides for protection of the jurisdictional claims of craft unions in those industries.

The roll-call vote on the general principle of industrial unionism in mass production industries showed the following unions voting for the minority report: United Mine Workers, Int'l Ladies Garment Workers, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Int'l Typographical Union (except for A. F. of L. Sec. Morrison, whose 123 votes as delegate went to the majority) printing pressmen, haters, teachers, paper makers, commercial photographers, and bakery, brewery, elevator construction, fur, flat glass, glove, jewelry, oil and quarry workers. The federal labor unions joined with these international in an almost unanimous vote for industrial unionism.

In the contest to fill the place of Major George L. Berry on the council, William D. Mahon, aged president of the Street Railway employees, was victorious over Charles P. Howard, president of the Int'l Typographical Union, by a vote of 17,370 to 11,693. All other council members were re-elected, only Matthew Woll meeting any opposition.

Berry resigned from the A. F. of L. executive council on account of his increased responsibilities as a government official. He was recently appointed to the new office of Coordinator of Industrial Relations by Pres. Roosevelt. On the council and at the convention as representative of the print-

ing pressmen's union, Berry threw his weight on the side of those advocating industrial unionism in mass production industries.

Berry's successor, Mahon, on the other hand, is a stalwart conservative who has voted repeatedly against any change in A. F. of L. organization policies and union jurisdictions.

## Unemployed Ignored.

Organizations of unemployed which seek to line up the jobless with the labor movement were disappointed by the action of the A. F. of L. convention in rejecting a resolution calling for union cooperation with them.

The resolution, offered by Howard Lawrence and Frank Marek of Illinois federal labor unions, called for all labor bodies to aid unemployed organizations in their localities and urged unions to form unemployed sections. In its place, the resolutions committee merely recommended that labor organizations be "as generous and helpful to the unemployed as possible."

## Agricultural Workers.

Sole representative of agricultural workers at the Amer. Federation of Labor convention, Leif Dahl, of a Bridgeton, N. J., farm local, fought for reduction of the Federation's per capita tax for

these workers. So low are their wages, he said, that thousands are kept out of union organization because they cannot afford to pay the dues.

As the most exploited and underprivileged section of the working class, Dahl said, agricultural workers menace the conditions of all labor. When he went on to say that the lack of organization in rural America provides fertile soil for Fascism, Chairman Wm. Green interrupted him, insisting that this was not germane to the subject.

The committee report, recommending against reduction of per capita for agricultural and other federal labor unions, was adopted after the convention had rejected a motion to refer it back.

## Teamsters—Brewers.

The bitter jurisdictional dispute between the teamsters and brewery workers was not allowed to come before the American Federation of Labor convention. The committee on adjustment retorted that both parties to the dispute had agreed to its recommendation that the executive council call a conference of all international unions involved, in an endeavor to adjust the controversy. The committee's report was adopted without discussion.

# C. S. Congress Supports Labor Party As Safeguard of Civil Liberties

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The Congress opened with an outline of the work done by the Conference in behalf of workers' rights by Tom Miller, secretary. An honorary presidium of leading labor prisoners throughout the world was then nominated and unanimously accepted by the body. Carl Howe, of the Gallup, N. M., Defense Committee, was elected chairman, and A. C. Rogers, representing the Federated Trades and Labor Council of San Diego, was elected vice-chairman.

Howe outlined the stark terrorism and brutality on the part of the Gallup mine owners and their agents in an effort to break up the local of the United Mine Workers of America, ending with the framing of the Gallup miners on murder charges.

## Charles McLauchlan.

Charles McLauchlan, Communist Party organizer in Orange County, next related the mass support given him in Santa Ana which resulted in the dismissal of three charges of criminal syndicalism brought against him in an attempted frame-up.

"The church must become so radical," said the Rev. Floyd I. Seaman of the Methodist Church, "that the Communism of Russia will seem to be stark conservatism."

The class nature of the C. S. Law was thoroughly exposed by Dr. Leo Bigelman, of the American League Against War and Fascism; and by Pettis P. Grover Johnson, of the International Labor Defense.

"The only reason McLauchlan was freed in Santa Ana was the mass pressure brought by the liberals and radicals of Santa Ana," said Johnson.

## American Democracy.

"Unit your efforts into a mailed fist that will bring us true American democracy," said John H. Pratt, of San Diego, chairman of the Committee of 33 of the California Federation for Production for Use.

The report from the credentials committee was made by Sid Partidge, of the San Bernardino Workers' Study Group, and revealed that the delegates represented 191 organizations in Southern California with a membership of 196,147. These included 32 trade unions, chiefly American Federation of Labor locals; three Central Labor bodies from San Diego, Santa Maria and Phoenix, Ariz.; 33 professional, fraternal and miscellaneous organizations; 16 unemployed groups; and three farmers' unions.

## Keynote Address.

Necessity for organized labor to lead in fight for democratic rights and to take initiative for labor Party embracing all pro-labor elements, was stressed by Rogers in the keynote address.

Carey McWilliams, prominent author-attorney, gave a brilliant analysis of the C. S. Law.

Delegates of five A. F. of L.

members spoke during the greeting period, emphasizing need for labor fight against the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

Following lunch, the Congress divided into caucuses of trade unions, unemployed, political and miscellaneous.

Howe, of the Gallup Defense Committee, reported for the miscellaneous caucuses, which recommended broad organizational steps to carry on the work in the various districts, particularly recommending the organizations of women, children, and youth into auxiliary groups to aid in the fight for repeal. The report was unanimously adopted.

The unemployed caucus report was brought in by Pratt of San Diego, and recommended support for Assembly Bill 419, the Pelletier Bill, which provides for repeal of the C. S. Law; and organization of local committees to arrange local conferences and mass meetings and to issue leaflets and pamphlets.

## United Front Need.

Independent political action on a united front basis was endorsed by the trade union caucuses in the report by A. C. Rogers of San Diego, and the setting up of a speakers bureau was also recommended. The report was accepted unanimously.

Nearly unanimous support was given to the report from the political caucuses, made by Albert Helmsness of the Epic Committee of the United Front, which unanimously endorsed the creation of a United Farmer-Labor Ticket. The political caucuses also attacked anti-picketing laws, anti-labor bill ordinances, and demanded abolition of "Red Squads" and abolition of the use of the National Guard as a strike-breaking weapon.

The report of the continuations committee was given by Matt Pelletier, and emphasized the setting up of Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights to localize the fight for repeal of the C. S. Law, and the necessity to broaden the fight by involving organizations not represented at today's Congress. A Southern California Executive Council of 47 was provided for and elected, with each territory being represented on the committee, and will call a future Congress just prior to the next convening of the State Legislature. A voluntary monthly tax of 1 cent for each member in each organization represented, was recommended by the continuations committee and adopted.

Great enthusiasm was generated among the delegates, and the drive to repeal the C. S. Law is expected to be broader than any other campaign for workers' rights in the history of Southern California. Delegates expressed themselves as looking forward to the proposed State Congress for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law to be held in Sacramento at the time the appeal of the eight Sacramento victims comes before the District Court of Appeals in that city.

# LABOR TICKET DEMANDS UNION RELIEF WAGES

ASSEMBLYMAN PELLETIER  
WILL AID IN UNITED  
LABOR CAMPAIGN

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representing the United Labor Campaign Committee with its scrutiny labor, liberal, progressive and professional affiliated organizations, the unemployed unions, the Utopian Society Groups of San Francisco, and thousands of liberal minded, human citizens do call upon Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, and demand:

That this political maneuvering at the expense of the suffering of the masses of the unemployed be immediately ended, and

Further that sufficient bonds be immediately posted to guarantee the completion of all projects at prevailing rates of pay; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be handed to the Mayor, Angelo J. Rossi, by this delegated committee, and that copies of the same be mailed to Mr. Harry Hopkins in Washington, D. C., and the Daily Press of San Francisco. (Signed)

## MORRIS BENSON.

Chairman of Delegation Com. Accompanying Mr. Mason were Morris Benson, United Labor candidate for Supervisor and president of the San Francisco City and County Federation of the Unemployed; Miss Tanna Alex and James Tracy, candidates for supervisor.

Representing the Public Works and Unemployed Unions were George Smith, Frank Monetti, Henry Schultze, and James Hill.

## SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—

The United Labor Campaign Committee is publishing a four-page weekly newspaper to familiarize the public with the Labor Ticket and vital issues of the approaching Municipal elections. The first issue of this "UNITED PEOPLE'S PRESS" was out last Saturday and is being distributed widely through every section of the city.

John C. Pelletier, Democratic State Assemblyman from the 44th Assembly District, is coming to San Francisco to campaign actively for the Labor Ticket. He will not only address the huge mass meeting at Dreamland Auditorium on Oct. 30, but will appear at numerous other meetings.

Outstanding among recent endorsements was that of Harry C. Steinmetz, Secretary of the San Diego Trades and Labor Council, and from its secretary, A. C. Rogers. The communication read in part:

"It is time that labor's friends, the small consumer and all who work for a living, defeated the game of 'divide-and-rule' which the plunderbund has so long played successfully against the American public."

Another recent endorsement was that of the Stanford University Chapter of the League for Industrial Democracy, which stated:

"The United Labor Ticket, for the first time in the history of San Francisco offers an opportunity for united political action against Fascism, Vigilantism, and corrupt city government."

A house-to-house straw-ballot is still being taken by volunteer campaign workers and the results will be reported at the October 30th meeting.

# JAMES BRANCH IMPRISONED ON ANGEL ISLAND

HELD PENDING WRIT OF  
HABEAS CORPUS

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—James Branch, Marxist teacher and lecturer whom authorities are trying to deport to the British West Indies, was taken in custody and imprisoned on Angel's Island when he surrendered this morning.

Branch, who has been out on bail for almost a year pending decision on his case, was ordered to report this morning for immediate deportation. The International Labor Defense has filed a writ of habeas corpus preparatory to appealing the case.

He will be held on Angel's Island pending Federal Court action on the writ. If the writ is granted he will be again released on bail.

The I.L.D. urges that protests be sent to Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins in Washington, D. C. The sole reason for the attempt to put Branch out of the country is that he voiced sentiments in support of labor.

# Hearst Sued for Assessment Cut

NEW YORK. — (FP) — There's no rest for the wicked and the wary.

That must be the thought uppermost in the mind of William Randolph Hearst as he confers with his attorneys over a \$19,500 suit filed against him in New York's supreme court. Salvador Montes, of Mexico City, who brought the action into court, claims that he was promised a 35 per cent cut in the swag if he succeeded in securing a cut in the assessment on the Mexican estate of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, mother of the multi-millionaire publisher.

He did. He got it cut 200,000 pesos—about \$60,000. But Hearst refused to pay the fee!

# UNITED FRONT WINS FREEDOM OF McLAUCHLAN

PROSECUTOR ADMITS HE  
HAD NO EVIDENCE  
TO PRESENT

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triumphs in our drive against reaction in the State of California!

Workers packed the courtroom by 9:30 this morning, as the defense counsel of Charles M. Ayle and Grover Johnson, of the International Labor Defense, and C. A. Welner, of the American Civil Liberties Union, entered the court.

At 10 o'clock the court room was still vacant of judge and prosecutors. Finally at 10:20 in walked Superior Judge A. Caminetti Jr., brought here from Amador County to try the case; City Attorney Blodgett, who insisted on being prosecuted by McLauchlan; and Deputy District Attorney Davis. They had obviously been in conference in the judge's chambers for a considerable period of time.

## \* Dismissal Asked.

Judge Caminetti called the McLauchlan case for arraignment on the three C. S. charges.

"Ready," replied Defense Counsel Ayle. "But before the arraignment I want to file—"

Before he could say another word, the deputy district attorney was on his feet.

"Evidence we expected to get in this case has not materialized," said Davis. "Therefore we feel we have not sufficient evidence to try the case. I move that the case be dismissed."

While the workers cheered, the case was dismissed by Judge Caminetti, and the workers rushed out of the court room, congratulating McLauchlan. The impromptu demonstration on the lawn followed.

Particularly elated over the victory was Miss Budlong, of the Unitarian Church, who immediately took the defense attorney to her home for a lunch of celebration.

## \* Damage Suit.

A civil damage action may be filed against City Attorney Blodgett, Police Chief Howard and the arresting officer, on the grounds of false arrest, unlawful imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and assault and battery.

The \$5000 property bail, supplied by Orange County property owners, was freed immediately after the dismissal.

McLauchlan was arrested early in September, brutally beaten and shugged by Police Chief Howard and held incommunicado for two days. His family did not learn of his arrest until they read of it in the Santa Ana newspapers. Immediately a broad defense committee was formed, including Utopians, Epics, Communists, liberals and church people, which carried on an active campaign in McLauchlan's behalf.

The three charges brought against McLauchlan were safe and distribution of literature advocating criminal syndicalism, possession of such literature, and membership in the Communist Party. After the case was dismissed, it was rumored that Police Chief Howard had threatened to re-arrest McLauchlan immediately for "selling newspapers without a license," but the workers rallied around the Communist Party leader to prevent such an occurrence.

Great prestige for the Communist Party as a leader in the struggles of the workers, farmers and middle class elements has arisen in Orange County as a result of this case, now successfully terminated in victory.

# Auto Mechanics Demand Results Or New Strike

UNION VOTES RETURN TO  
WORK, WITH 5-DAY  
LIMITATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The striking Auto Mechanics of Local 1305, are returning to work this morning following a vote taken last Saturday, when 267 voted yes and 62 voted no in a secret ballot. The return to work was voted only with the proviso, that if nothing definite materialized within five days from negotiations begun on Monday the strike would be resumed.

The union demanded a guarantee from the Motor Car Dealers' Association that there would be no discrimination against any workers for strike action or union activity, and further that union men "should have preference in employment."

According to Mr. George Castelman, business agent of the Union, these terms are "properly understood" by the dealers and the negotiations yesterday were going "satisfactorily."

"Things look pretty good," Castelman stated, "Though of course there is some dissension."

At the Saturday meeting of the union, President Vandelaar of the Central Labor Council (who was invited into this strike by the officers of the Auto Mechanics) was roundly booed by the strikers when he made the opening appeal for the return to work vote.

The workers seemed strongly opposed to such a move and it was only the convincing talks of the rank and file leaders, particularly Brother Adams, captain of the Van Ness picket lines, that swung the vote to yes.

Adams quite correctly pointed out to the Union that there is a possibility of the dealers seeking to prolong the negotiation till after the coming municipal elections, when it would be "politically safe" for Rossi to break the strike with police action.

Therefore the return to work vote was definitely limited with the proviso that five days' negotiations is the limit, and if there are no results by that time there will be no extension of the return, but instead a renewal of the walkout.

# NATION-WIDE CALL ISSUED FOR HERNDON

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Assemblymen who voted for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, to join in the protest against the U. S. Supreme Court's refusal to review the case of Angelo Herndon.

The Assemblymen petitioned are: Andersen, Andreas, Boyle, Cassidy, Clark, Domihue, Evans (Ralph W.), Flint, Geyer, Gilbert, Gilmore, Glover, Hawkins, Heisinger, Hunt, Jones, Laughlin, Lore, Maloney, McCarthy, McMurray, McLean, Pelletier, Reaves, Richie, Rosenthal, Turner, Voigt, Wagner, Welsh and Williamson.

Practically every working class and liberal group in the Bay area has been roused to action by the Supreme Court ruling that Herndon must surrender to Georgia authorities on Oct. 24. Hundreds of protests are being despatched both to the Supreme Court and to Governor Talmadge, Atlanta, Ga.

A week after he had led a protest demonstration of Negro and white workers, Herndon was arrested and indicted under an ancient "slave revolt" law dating back to 1866. In a hysterical Jim Crow trial, he was found guilty by an all white jury and sentenced to 18 to 20 years hard labor on the Georgia chain gangs.

Nation-Wide Forces.

Protest of this railroading has swelled to a nation-wide movement. Solidarity greetings and support has also come from workers in other countries. The International Labor Defense has led the determined fight for his freedom, the latest development of which was refusal of the U. S. Supreme Court to review the case.

A powerful united front movement has been forged around the Herndon case. Efforts of the I.L.D. have been backed by: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Bar Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Church League for Industrial Democracy, the Methodist Federation for Social Service, the Justice Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Socialist Party and the Communist Party.

The immediate action called

# BIG ANTI-WAR MARCH PLANNED IN N. Y. — ITALY GETS SEED TO MAKE MUSTARD POISON GAS

War Stocks Boom in Austria As Italy Orders  
Munitions—Border Kept Open

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will march in the New York City Peoples March for Peace to be held Saturday, Oct. 26, and will also speak at the mass rally at Columbus Circle later in the month. Other prominent trade union leaders have also signified their support.

GENEVA, Oct. 19.—Maxim Litvinoff today announced the Soviet Union's complete ratification and application of all sanctions voted so far by the League.

The League took its first steps to obtain the cooperation of the United States and other non-League nations in penalties against Italy, Germany, Brazil and Japan are other nations to which League memoranda on sanctions decisions were sent.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—A check-up of exports to Italy and possessions reveals that automotive units shipped in September have increased ten-fold over previous months.

Leading oil companies deny any intention of complying with League requests for boycott of Italy.

BERLIN, Oct. 19.—Workers in a war plant here won postponement of a wage cut intended to buy war planes for Hitler's birth-

# SAILORS' UNION BACKS CALLING OF CONVENTION

SEAMEN ALSO WILL VOTE  
ON ARBITRATION OF  
AMENDMENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The advocates of "mixed industrialism" took a beating in the Sailors' Union meeting here last night when the rank and file, in no undecided manner, voted down a resolution that would have isolated the union from the Maritime Federation and committed the rank and file to a policy of individual action.

The resolution was against the vote on arbitration of the amendments to the award and the calling of a Special Maritime Federation Convention. Instead the rank and file concurred with the District Council in calling the Special Convention and recommended the coast-wise vote on arbitration.

More than that the rank and file voted against unorganized action on ships when it moved to refer grievances to the District Committee of the International Seamen's Union, now being elected by the three I. S. U. crafts. This latter vote is a big step forward in promoting further unity between the three departments of the I. S. U.

Harry Bridges, who spoke in the meeting, was given a big hand by the membership. He talked on unity between longshoremen and seamen and on the value of the Special Federation Convention.

Election of officers by coast-wise ballot soon will take place in the union and candidates now are being nominated up and down the coast.

for by the I.L.D. and the Herndon Defense Committee is: 1—Protest to the U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., and demand that they review the case.

2—Protest to Governor Talmadge, Atlanta, Ga., and demand that he use his powers to free Herndon.

3—Complete collecting signatures on Herndon freedom petitions and rush them to the Herndon Petition Committee, 80 East 11th street, New York City.

4—Send funds to aid the fight to the Herndon Defense Committee, 80 East 11th st., New York City.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—Rallying forces to the defense of Angelo Herndon, a united conference for his defense and to evolve methods to work for his release will be held here on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3, 2 p. m., at Music Arts Hall, 233 So. Broadway.

All organizations of workers, farmers and middle class people are urged to send delegates to this conference, which is being held under the auspices of the Scottsboro Boys' Angelo Herndon Defense Committee.

day. Strike action was necessary and successful.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—1000 anti-fascists lined the piers here today crying "Down with Mussolini!" as the Italian liner Rex, pride of the Italian merchant marine, sailed today. The ship carried a cargo of airplane parts and other war materials for use against the women and children of Ethiopia.

The singing of the Internationale and Bandiera Rossa drowned the voice of the Italian Ambassador as he praised recruits sailing home to be used as cannon-fodder.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 19.—Workers tied up factories and transportation here today when they demonstrated against Italian aggression in Ethiopia.

Different hours were set for different trades and industries. The sentiment here is almost universally against Mussolini.

MOSCOW, Oct. 19.—The plans of Japanese imperialism for new activity in China are being steadily developed. A secret conference is planned for consideration of military, naval and diplomatic matters in Shanghai this week. It is commonly supposed that Japan will not hesitate to use force to separate from China the five provinces of Shansi, Hopei, Shantung, Chakar and Suian.

VIENNA, Oct. 19.—War stocks are booming here as the result of orders for munitions for Italy. Italy's placement of war orders here is considered in the form of insurance against the closing of her frontiers to all imports by League signatories.

# HENDERSON DIES.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Arthur Henderson, 72, former secretary of the British Labor Party and its leader during the last war, died here today after a long illness. He was unaware of the invasion of Ethiopia by Italian fascist troops.

Mr. Henderson, long a member of Parliament and leader of the Labor government forces during the last term of office, was president of the Geneva disarmament conference. He received the Nobel Peace prize in 1934 for his efforts in armaments limitation. Lately, he had been somewhat in the background in labor party circles.

ITALIAN CONSUL  
IN L. A. VISITED  
BY DELEGATION

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of all Italian troops from Ethiopia, and further insisting that the Fascist government of Italy pay full indemnity to the Ethiopian government for damage to property and lives during the present Fascist aggression, a delegation of 35 workers today formally presented a protest resolution to the Italian Consulate here.

Evidence of the strong wave of resentment against Italy's brutal aggression was seen in the fact that although the police "Red Squad" was present to the number of 15, they did not dare to renege on a committee of three to see the Italian consul.

When the spokesman for the committee presented the protest, he also protested against the use of the "Red Squad" to prevent the full committee from going to the consulate office.

"I don't know anything about the police," said the consul, "but I will take cognizance of your protest."

Leading the "Red Squad" was Lieut. Wellpott, of odious reputation in connection with the brutal police attack on pickets at the Los Angeles Examiner last September 3rd.

# San Pedro Strike

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mands also call for an increase in overtime rates of 5 cents per hour for the first four hours of overtime and 10 cents for each overtime hour above 12 hours.

This new militant union is under rank and file leadership, pre-empting a successful struggle. Joe Casey, state American Federation of Labor organizer and Fred Draper, president of the San Pedro Central Labor Council, have both approved the strike.

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## EAST OF THE Rockies

### Youth Employment Bread Prices Up Coal Miner Shot Paterson Silk Strike Texas R.O.T.C.

NEW YORK.—Breakdown of the National Youth Administration's plans for aiding students was admitted when officials conceded they could not find employment for 11,000 high school students here slated to receive \$3 to \$6 monthly from the Federal fund. Since no employment is available, the officials are puzzled over how they can pay some for working, while the others do no work for the allotment they receive.

WASHINGTON.—With meat prices at prohibitive prices, bread is expected to take a jump in prices soon. Officials of big bakeries claim they are giving "a great deal of attention" to the problem of price increases, which are already in effect in the Middle West. The increasing price of wheat and the acreage reduction policy of the AAA are given as excuses.

BIRMINGHAM.—A striking Negro coal miner, Sam Dowdell, was shot and killed by a scab as the four-week strike of 17,000 soft coal miners here continued. Dowdell, a member of the United Mine Workers of America, was shot when he tried to approach the scab, Tom Green, to ask him to join in the strike.

PATERSON, N. J.—(FP)—Though Mayor Hinchcliffe's conciliation committee, which has the enthusiastic backing of Paterson's Chamber of Commerce, is working overtime, a strike of the city's thousands of silk workers seems in the offing.

A strike was voted by the workers, members of the American Federation of Silk Workers, sometime ago. The conciliation committee called in their representatives, heard the workers' story. Then they issued a similar invitation to manufacturers. The manufacturers have not yet accepted.

AUSTIN, Tex.—(FP)—Despite strong student anti-war sentiment at the University of Texas, the administration is working towards the establishment of an R.O.T.C. artillery unit at the college.

A committee of professors to consider the organization of the military has been appointed by President H. Y. Benedict, who lavishly entertained German Ambassador Hans Luther on his visit to Austin last year. His action is being attacked by student religious and liberal groups on the campus, together with outside anti-war organizations.

Indicative of the university administration's feeling is the fact that the National Student League is outlawed on the campus, while the American Legion will soon establish headquarters there.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(FP)—Of Erie county's 762,000 population, 238 per cent are on welfare relief, while in Buffalo 227 per cent are on relief, according to the Municipal Research Bureau, an employers' group.

In Buffalo, 35,000 families, or 130,226 persons, are on relief. "This does not include those receiving support through the state old age relief, the state child welfare agency, the county lodging house, the county home and hospital or the patients receiving relief at the Buffalo City Hospital and in private hospitals, nor those aided by other private institutions and agencies," the report states.

### American League Begins Series of Anti-War Meetings

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Intensifying its appeal for realization of the serious war danger Fascist Italy's invasion of Ethiopia brings to the European scene, the American League Against War and Fascism has called a series of mass meetings for San Francisco and the Bay region.

On Oct. 27 Rev. F. D. Haynes, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Pastor of the Third Baptist Church will head a group of well known speakers in the first of these meetings. Other speakers will include Henry Schmidt, of the I.L.A., and Victor Maggiora, prominent anti-Fascist. The meeting will be held in the Third Baptist Church, 1299 Lyon street. Other meetings will be announced later.

## UNIVERSAL FINGERPRINTING PUSHED BY JUNIOR CHAMBER

### Vicious Anti-Labor Group to Organize a National Espionage Campaign

Recently the WESTERN WORKER printed a story telling how the president of the San Jose State Teachers College had forced thousands of incoming students to be fingerprinted, the prints to be sent to the Department of Justice at Washington and another set to remain on file at the College.

The University of California has announced its students will be asked "voluntarily" to allow their fingerprints to be taken, "for purposes of identification."

Not only students, but workers, liberals and intellectuals, as well as farmers are moving to the left in protest against the continued saddling of the depression upon the backs of the wage-earners. These protests often take the form of strikes, mass demonstrations and the like.

Any slight sign of such protest is likely to send the ruling class into a veritable hysteria of fear. Naturally this class would like to know who is protesting, who is militant, and the present whereabouts of such persons:

#### \* Reactionary Pack.

Leading the pack in a campaign for universal fingerprinting are the various employer organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion of officialdom and others. The San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce, whose members work hand in glove with the Industrial Association seven days a week, is at present circulating all employer organizations, in the interests of universal fingerprinting.

The western Worker has obtained a copy of a recent letter sent by the Junior Chamber to various "sympathetic" organizations. The letter follows:

"In inviting your attention to the enclosed announcement we do so in the belief that the subject of this luncheon will be of particular interest to the members of your organization.

"There is no doubt that in our complex social life the trend is toward National Registration with the consequent necessity of fingerprinting for identification purposes only.

"The action that we propose of stimulating the idea of this registration is, at present, to be on an entirely voluntary basis. The explanation of the need and the desirability and the benefits to be derived we are sure will be adequately presented at this luncheon.

"We would feel sincerely complimented to have a representative group from your organization in attendance. The charge, as you will note, is simply for the cost of the luncheon, and reservations may be made or tickets obtained at the office of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, or 'phone EX-3411.

Very truly yours,

SAN FRANCISCO JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, (Signed)

Philip F. Landis, Chairman, National Affairs Committee."

### L. A. MEETING TO FIGHT LOW WPA WAGES OCT. 30TH

#### COMMITTEE DRAWS UP PROGRAM OF ACTION

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 10.—Organizing forces to combat the low wage scale of the WPA, as announced here last week by Administrator Colonel Donald H. Connolly, the Committee for the Maintenance of the Prevailing Union Scale met at the Music Arts Hall here last night and adopted a program of immediate action.

Composed of delegates from trade unions and from the Public Works and Unemployed Union, the Committee voted to stage a mass meeting on Wednesday night, October 30, at the Cooperative Auditorium, 842 So. Main st.

A mass delegation to present demands to "Czar" Connolly on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, Oct. 26, was also decided upon by the committee, and a sub-committee of three trade unionists and three WPUU representatives was chosen to ask support of the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council for the delegation to see Connolly, and also for the October 30 mass meeting.

During last night's meeting, Claire Lee Purdy of the PWUUC emphasized the need for organization against WPA, both of trade unionists and of unemployed workers, for the purpose of keeping up trade union wage scales and improving the standard of living of all workers. S. Adel, delegate from a Carpenters' Union local, also called for unity of action between the organized employed and the organized unemployed.

### Red Raid Story Lying Nonsense

(By Federated Press.)

ATLANTIC CITY.—(FP)—A. F. of L. convention reporters and delegates read with some wonderment a story appearing in New York papers telling about the convention being closely guarded against an anticipated red raid.

Doors have been wide open all through the convention, there has been no checking of credentials at the doors, and guests and visitors, including any radicals who may so desire, have mingled freely with the delegates.

### FLANNELMOUTH FLANNIGAN IS OUT OF A JOB

#### WAREHOUSEMEN MOVE IN ON FAKER OFFICIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—Flannelmouth Flannigan, one-time secretary of the Warehousemen's Union here is out of a job.

By a 135-majority vote the rank and file moved in on the faker, who at one time packed a meeting with gamblers to prevent a similar action as that taken last week.

Flannigan's interests have been heart and soul with the shipowners ever since he was chosen for the secretary's job. His disruptive tactics at recent meetings have turned the rank and file membership completely against him.

At the last union meeting he launched into a tirade against the United Labor Ticket and attempted to swing support for Vandeleur's so-called "Union Labor Party," which has come out in support of Little Fink Rossi and the rest of his politic gangsters. Flannigan's interests have also begged the rank and file to line up behind the reactionary policies recently advocated by the Joseph Ryan, William Lewis clique at the top of the I.L.A.

### East Bay Labor Backs American League Meetings

OAKLAND, October 21.—The American League Against War and Fascism will hold a meeting in protest against the fascist invasion of Ethiopia on Friday, Oct. 25 at 8:00 p. m. at Rev. Johnson's church, corner of Twelfth and Magnolia sts., Oakland. Speakers include Rev. Dr. Hill, Ray Studd, and others representing affiliate organizations.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council at its October 14 meeting endorsed the American League's call for a Bay Region Conference on Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1 at San Francisco. The Council also endorsed the mass anti-war meeting to be held on Nov. 10 at 2 p. m. at City Auditorium Theatre, where prominent labor, professional and liberal speakers will appear. The Oakland branch of the American League Against War and Fascism has rallied the strength of labor unions, church groups, and fraternal organizations to make this meeting a real demonstration of opposition to war.

### Anti-Hearst Paper Outsells Examiner On Hollywood Blvd.

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 18.—The "Anti-Hearst Examiner," issued by the Friends of the Soviet Union, outsold "Dirty Willie's" Sunday Examiner here on Hollywood Boulevard last Saturday night!

A newsboy sold 200 copies of F. S. U. paper in the short period of 45 minutes. So irate became the Examiner newsboys that they called a circulation manager, who threatened the F. S. U. newsie.

"Get the hell out of here—you're ruining our sales!" exclaimed the Hearst circulation thug. But the boy continued to sell the "Anti-Hearst Examiner" like hotcakes.

## L.A. Mass Meet Endorses Drive For Labor Party

### EPIC COMMITTEE FOR UNITED FRONT WINS NEW SUPPORT

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 17.—Calling for the Labor Party as the only effective weapon to obtain immediate demands of the workers, farmers and middle-class people, several hundred Epic workers attended a symposium on "Why the United Front," sponsored by the Epic Committee for the United Front, at the Cooperative Auditorium here last night.

Following an exposition of the Communist relation to a Labor Party by Harold J. Ashe, representing the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party, the audience voted unanimously to work for the building of such a political party based on the trade unions but discriminating against no pro-labor and non-fascist organization.

Albert Helness, secretary of the Epic Committee for the United Front, presented the program of the committee for raising demands for more adequate relief, adequate social insurance, for democratic rights, and for a Labor Party.

John H. Pratt, chairman of the Committee of 33 of the California Federation for Production for Use, related how he changed his mind from being opposed to the United Front to the position of actively fighting for it in San Diego and in the P.F.U. Federation. The story of how Upton Sinclair disrupted and attacked the Epic Drama League was told by Mrs. M. C. Berry, founder and director of the dramatic organization.

John Pelletier, Epic assemblyman, expressed favor for the United Front.

A resolution demanding that Fascist Italy withdraw its troops from Ethiopia, and pay indemnity for all damage to life and property of the Ethiopian people, was introduced by Seema Matlin of the American League Against War and Fascism. It passed unanimously.

### Electricians Organize

BOSTON.—(FP)—Applications for membership in Local 674, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, were received at a recent meeting of the Boston local from 70 of the 150 employees of the Boston and Maine electric for membership. The meeting was the first of a series to be held all over the B. & M. system to organize and enroll all electricians into the brotherhood.

## Western Worker \$7,500 Fund Drive

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The Western Worker 1936 War Chest Drive for \$7500 is soon to begin. The following plan of work has been drawn up, which must be carried out successfully. The Western Worker is our strongest weapon, and its support must be a primary duty of every Party member and sympathizer.

#### QUOTAS

The following quotas have been suggested by the District Bureau. The sections may approve or amend them. Sections are divided into groups for Socialist competition. Prizes are to be announced at the beginning of the Drive, Jan. 1, 1936.

GROUP A	
Section	Quota
Los Angeles	\$3500
San Francisco	2500
GROUP B	
East Bay	\$350
San Diego	\$350
GROUP C	
San Mateo	\$100
Santa Barbara	75
Monterey	75
Sonoma	75
GROUP D	
San Bernardino	\$50
Sacramento	50
Fresno	50
San Jose	50
Eureka	50
Contra Costa	50
GROUP E	
Bakersfield	\$25
Porterville	25
Stockton	25
Merced	25
Tulare	25
Nevada	25
Arizona	25
TOTAL	\$7500

#### CALENDAR PLAN OF DRIVE

Nov. 7. Half of the collection taken up at Nov. 7 celebration meetings to go to War Chest, credited on quota.

Dec. 27 to Jan. 1. Bazaars in larger sections; ending with a New Years dance and entertainment. NEW YEARS EVE IS THE FOURTH BIRTH

## L.A. RELIEF AUTHORITIES HELP LARGE GROWERS TO CUT WAGES

### S.S. Point Ancha Crew Wins Cash Transportation

By a Seaman.

SAN PEDRO.—The S.S. Point Ancha's crew has won its demand that we get cash transportation from the Gulf to the West Coast in the event of labor trouble at points of discharge.

This is the outcome of four days of tying the ship up here and of the crew sticking together, being supported by the shoreside unions of the Maritime Federation.

At present a good fighting crew is aboard and fully determined to force further better working conditions and standards of unionism aboard this ship. Also continued support to the striking Gulf longshoremen will be one factor that this crew will work toward.

So far there have been three boats that have this clause in the articles which not only protect the crew but strengthen the strike in the Gulf.

Member of Crew of Point Ancha.

### AUSTRIA SENDS FUNDS TO HELP HERNDON FIGHT

#### DEMAND FOR HIS FREEDOM IS WORLD-WIDE

NEW YORK.—From Vienna, Austria, where the labor movement is working under conditions of complete illegality and extreme terror, the national office of the International Labor Defense here has received the sum of \$10, to be used in the fight to free Angelo Herndon from the Georgia chain-gang.

With the money came this message: "To Comrade Angelo Herndon. Red Front! May our small contribution do its share towards achieving your immediate freedom." The message was signed: "Viennese sympathizers."

On the same day, signatures to the petition to free Herndon arrived from Australia. Ten foreign countries have thus far taken active part in the campaign for Herndon's freedom: Cuba, British Guiana, Porto Rico, Canada, England, Norway, Colombia, Trinidad (British West Indies), Australia and Austria.

### UNEMPLOYED DELEGATION TO VISIT WPA HEAD ON SATURDAY

#### W.P.A. Breaks Down ONLY 696 WILL RECEIVE PAY CHECKS FOR WPA WORK ON OCT. 31

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18.—How the relief authorities cooperate with the wealthy growers in forcing down wages for work in the fields, was bare here today with scores of workers coming here from the San Fernando Valley to protest to the central headquarters of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration.

Director Roy W. Pilling is preparing to cut 500 men off relief in order to supply workers to pick cotton in the San Joaquin Valley at unknown wages and working conditions, to take care of what he calls a "labor shortage" in that area.

San Fernando workers filing complaints here in regard to intolerable working conditions and wages, stated that they had failed to obtain any consideration of their complaints from the San Fernando office.

#### \* 20 Days' Work for \$9.

One typical complaint was that of a worker who worked in the field with his wife for ten days, their combined effort earning \$9. The wife is soon to have a baby. Another worked 29 hours in the tomato fields for \$1.60.

Record of a relief worker submitted here yesterday: "First day was sent to wrong location. Second day it rained. No picking on Saturday. Sunday transportation promised did not show up. Monday the farm was not working. Tuesday earned 98 cents. Wednesday had to take wife to hospital. Four in family and in need of emergency aid."

#### \* Case History.

And another "case history" of a San Fernando worker: "Earned 75 cents first day and \$1 second day picking walnuts. Went back to district LACRA office and was referred to farm to pick tomatoes. Nobody there and neighbor said farmer had no tomatoes. Has five in family and to date has scarcely made enough to pay transportation to farms, let alone rent and food."

Sentiment against Pilling's brutal starvation program is crystallizing in Southern California under leadership of the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

### UNEMPLOYED DELEGATION

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19.—Raising vital and urgent demands, a large delegation from the Public Works and Unemployed Union will visit Col. Donald H. Connolly, sabre-rattling head of the WPA in this section, Saturday, October 26, at 9 a. m.

All unemployed workers and trade unionists are urged to participate in this mass delegation and demonstration, further information being available at the PWU headquarters in the Douglas Building, at Third and Spring sts., Los Angeles.

Most sharply will be raised the question of trade union wages for all workers on WPA projects, and the question of jobs for all at their own trades—no road mending.

Representation of the PWU and American Federation of Labor spokesmen on all committees under the WPA set-up, relative to the interests of the organized employed and organized unemployed, will also be demanded. Elimination of stool pigeons from projects, and the right to organize on the projects are other demands to be forcibly raised.

#### WPA BREAKS DOWN

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18.—The WPA program has completely bogged down in Los Angeles County, officials of the Works Progress Administration admitted here today.

Buried in Washington are "the papers" which would give final approval to open hundreds of projects for nearly 70,000 workers, they excused themselves lamely.

Only 4790 persons are employed on WPA projects, said militaristic Administrator Col. Donald H. Connolly, and first pay checks will not be available until October 30. On that date only 696 men will receive their first pay.

#### DRIVE COMMITTEES

Section Committees to establish special Drive Committees of three comrades to be responsible to and under direct supervision of section organizers.

Larger sections, to establish Workers' Press Conferences for carrying through Drive, drawing

## Various Unions Report Progress To Labor Council

### S. F. Auto Mechanics Still Out Solid; Mooney Appeal

(San Francisco Labor Council.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—A number of unions reported progress in their dealings with the employers, at last night's session of the Council. The Upholsterers announced they have signed up all firms in the Bay Region, with the exception of one Oakland plant. The agreements embody a 20 per cent raise in wages and shorter working hours. The Sheet Metal Workers, who for years have worked under verbal agreements only are now insisting on written and signed agreements, and many firms have already signed up.

The Auto Mechanics, Local 1305, reported its 700 members are still on strike. The auto dealers have been writing to individual strikers asking them to return to work. In reply, many strikers have called on their bosses and told them they would return as soon as their union is recognized and union wage and working conditions are established. The union reports no men are deserting the strike.

#### \* "Strike Exercise."

Delegate West of the Window Cleaners won a round of applause and laughter with his report of that union's handling of chiselling employers. The window cleaners have been in the habit of requiring union window cleaners to "kick back" part of their wages. To get evidence of this chiselling the Union permitted its members to draw their union wage and to return the amount deposited in the "kick back." As soon as the union had the goods on the chisellers it called a strike which brought the bosses into line with apologies and payment of the full scale.

Mr. West expressed the gratification of his Union at the bosses giving them no chance to forget how to call strikes. Said Mr. West, "They have given us some healthful exercise in that rare art."

#### \* Mooney Appeal.

A telegram from Tom Mooney appealing for financial aid needed to pay for a transcript of the present hearings, and if necessary to finance an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, was referred to the Council's Executive Committee.

Mooney stated in the telegram that the present hearing may last for another month since it is being crammed with matters foreign to the issue involved.

#### \* McCale's Inc.

The Oil Station Workers presented a resolution protesting the Council's delay in placing "McCale's Inc." on the "We Don't Patronize List" for that firm's failure to cooperate with the union in organizing its employees.

Donations received from various unions: \$10 for Jackson Miners; \$20 for victims of the Modesto frameup; \$5 for Mooney Molders; Defense Committee.

An acknowledgment of donations totalling \$75 was received from the Jackson Miners.

### State Police Try To Break Up L.A. Street Meeting

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16.—Presaging a new "use" for State police, an attempt to break up a street meeting of 75 workers, mostly Negroes, was made here last Saturday night by two uniformed thugs in a State police car, but met with defeat when the workers solidly supported the speaker, Sam Jones.

The police parked in the middle of the street at 43rd street and Central ave., and listened to Sam Jones, a member of the Communist Party, talk on the role of the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

After listening for seven or eight minutes, one officer called out to Jones: "Come here, I want to talk to you."

"If you want to talk to me, you come over here," replied Jones.

The "peace officers" then called out: "You're blocking the sidewalk."

"Nobody is blocking the sidewalk," shouted back a number of workers.

"Do you want this meeting?" The workers chorused back: "Sure, we want this meeting!"

Increasing solidarity of action between white and Negro workers is becoming apparent in this area of Los Angeles.

## FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

### Record Harvest Philippine Revolts Austrian Censors Canadian Vote Italian Workers' Congress

SOVIET UNION.—Completing the harvest of the largest grain crop they ever gathered, estimated at 100 to 110 million tons compared to the pre-revolution record harvest of 80 million tons, Soviet farmers have also completed their plan of grain collection a month ahead of last year.

The large crop this year is definite proof that Soviet farmers have mastered the modern machinery of agriculture. About 25 million acres of grain were harvested with combined harvesters and threshers this year. The state grain farms have already delivered 15 per cent more grain than last year.

The state collection agencies continue to buy grain from the collective farmers, paying higher prices and selling automobiles, building materials, and many other articles to the farmers.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—Behind the peace which the Philippine Islands ostensibly are enjoying, lies the danger of an uprising against the new Commonwealth government foisted on them by Wall Street interests. While the supposedly independent islands will be forbidden to interfere with the interests of American capitalists when the new government is set up, uprisings are already taking place throughout the provinces. Rice riots, with hungry crowds storming the warehouses have occurred. President-elect Quezon is afraid to stir from his house without a large bodyguard. Although the budget is unbalanced, the Legislature has increased the force of constabulary.

AUSTRIA.—Ladislav Benes, proprietor of the Anglo-American News Service in Vienna, has been arrested and faces prison and deportation for "publishing false rumors damaging to the Austrian state." The real reason, of course, is that he furnished the foreign press news that had not passed through the Austrian censor, and had been obtained from various persons and groups opposing the present regime.

CANADA.—Thirteen Communist candidates in the recent Canadian elections polled 30,000 votes against 6,000 for ten candidates in 1930. About 300,000 votes were cast for various labor candidates. The sweeping victory of the Liberals, under former Prime Minister Meckenzie King, signifies a nationwide revolt against the reactionary Conservative regime.

Although united fronts were formed successfully in many localities, the refusal of the reformist Co-operative Commonwealth Federation to form a united front had such disastrous effects that J. S. Woodworth, its leader, at the last moment turned around and supported the united front. Unfortunately, this action came too late to affect the situation.

BELGIUM.—A congress of all Italian anti-fascist forces was held here, attended by 350 delegates representing one million organized Italian workers. Prominent among those present were Luigi Antoni, of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, and Tom De Fazio, editor of L'Unita Operaia, Italian working class daily publisher in New York.

GERMANY.—Jews will not be allowed to participate in Germany's winter relief program. German authorities have notified the Jewish charity organizations to form their own relief organization.

### Mounted Cop Hits Girl C. R. Picket

WASHINGTON, N. J.—(FP)—Infuriated when a mounted policeman rode his horse into a crowd and knocked down a girl picket, a crowd of several hundred Consumers' Research strikers and union sympathizers forced the cop to beat a hasty retreat, broke a few windows in the office and delayed the departure of 40 strike-breakers by several hours.

Helen Schmidt, a member of the American Federation of Hostess Workers, was on the picket line when struck by the mounted cop. Strikers scoffed at police officials' alibi that the girl was hit by a rock tossed up by the horse's hoof.

## Rip Tides

By LaMae

San Francisco waterfront is rough on rats. First Scharrenberg, then McGovern and a few lesser lights . . . and now Flannellmouth Flannigan. Rank and file warehousemen insist they saw the Flannellmouth getting measured for a policeman's uniform earlier this week.

Flannellmouth is a great guy. He listens to a speaker from the United Labor Campaign but waits until the speaker is out of the hall before he lets loose a blast against the United Labor Ticket . . . and yells his head off for Rossi and the phoney "Union Labor Party."

Rank and file seamen—a few of them—have not got it clear yet that arbitration of amendments to the agreement in no way threatens the agreement as it now stands.

What is there to lose by arbitrating proposed improvements when the original gains, such as they are, are not even up for discussion.

Because they understand this, even the shipowners have fought arbitration of the amendments. They fear public opinion will demand that the seamen be given better working conditions. It would be a funny turn of affairs if some of these rank and fileers found themselves in a united front with the shipowners.

Wonder what Flannellmouth Flannigan meant when he screamed for the Warehousemen to abide by the decisions of their International and District officials—Ryan, Lewis, Morris, Peterson and Co.? Does he expect these fakers will come to his rescue and try to get his job back for him?

Or is he attempting to provoke more trouble for the rank and file?

A few longshoremen seem afraid to be caught wearing a United Labor Campaign button. And a few seamen, too. Maybe they're waiting to see if Rossi will keep another promise and send the cops out to shoot them and their brothers if and when the Gulf hot cargo issue gets on the front page of Hearst's Examiner and Call-Bulletin.

As between organized job action with a definite objective to win and unorganized walkouts of one department threatening to split that group off from the rest, the choice should be obvious.

If there's one thing the shipowners fear, it's organized action of any kind. They would prefer individual action by the men. It's easier to smash a small group than it is an entire ship's crew.

Let elected ship's committees, representing all departments aboard the ships, take up the beefs. "An injury to one is an injury to all" is a swell motto but it doesn't keep the employers from attempting to injure the men and their unions one at a time.

All of which leads up to the fact that we need a special Maritime Federation Convention as soon as possible in order to settle these questions of unity of action and lay down a definite policy for the next few months.

Every time a sailor quits a ship the shipowners call what amounts to a West Coast get-together. And they decide on a course of action which they follow out to the letter.

We need unity of action and we can get it through a Maritime Federation Convention. Otherwise the attempts of the shipowners to smash our solidarity are bound to have some effect.

The Seamen and the Sealers stood together in a United Front against the contractors and the shipowners . . . so the Industrial Association rushes in to aid the contractors—result: Four sealers facing a rotten frame-up on phony murder charges that wouldn't hold water outside of an Industrial Association star chamber.

Who says we don't need immediately to lay down a policy of struggle against the attempts of the shipowners to smash our unions? The shipowners declared war the first time a union was organized on the waterfront.

### Barber Shops Strike

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—(FP)—Some 300 of 306 Jersey City barber shops have been closed by joint action of the Master Barbers Ass'n and the Journeymen Barbers Union in an attempt to force cut-rate shops to raise prices.

## News Stories and Comment by Worker Correspondents

### THE DAILY GYP ROUTINE IN A RELIEF OFFICE

A "BEHIND THE SCENES" ACCOUNT OF SERA

#### Threats and Lies

SOCIAL WORKERS NEED PWUU CONTACT

By a Social Worker.

Request received from Mr. Stewart, Re-employment Co-ordinator, for list of all men who have worked for Ford Company in the last two years. There is a possibility for employment at local Ford plant. As most of my "cases" have been unemployed for longer than two years I can make no list.

"Client" reports that a private job to which he was sent by Re-employment Co-ordinator turned out to be a racket. His future "employer" first wanted him to rent a room at \$3.50 per week; then in case there was any work to be done he would have the job. "Client's" report verified.

Report was received from County Director which stated that private employment could not be refused by clients, on peril of discontinuance of relief.

#### \* Where's the Job?

First batch of WPA work orders are received for delivery. With no exceptions they are all for laborers at \$55 per month. "Client" is glad to receive his work order. He asks me how to reach Goldwater Canyon. I cannot tell him. There is neither a commercial bus line going there, nor will WPA furnish transportation. Next client wants to know how to get into the Santa Monica mountains when there is no transportation, either there or back.

Never mind, be there at 7:30 Friday morning. I think what a good issue for the Public Works and Unemployed Union and how dear that organization would be to the relief workers if it would force ruthless officials to make arrangements for commuting workers.

#### \* "Take It Or Leave It."

"Client" is told he will be thrown off relief if he refuses first work order presented. Social workers themselves have no security and they have to threaten their clients.

Mr. Shotland, assistant state administrator states privately that there is a ten per cent allowance available for transportation difficulties on WPA. But the granting of that allowance is up to the local administrators. A man may be offered as many as four work orders before being refused consideration. This is also in the discretion of local officials.

In certain cases, two members of a family may each receive work orders. But the least said about it the better. A family of six or seven might decide that \$55 per month was insufficient. An attempt will even be made to have one job for two branches of a separated family.

#### \* Drive on Foreign-Born.

A census of the "case load" is being taken to determine the total number of aliens on relief, the number of Mexican aliens, and the number of naturalized Mexicans. Unemployed, labor and sympathetic organizations beware!

Employees of Los Angeles County Relief Administration are warned that discharges are to be expected and that nothing can be done about it. Employees are panicky.

After a while the threats do not register. They get a false sense of security. They don't give a damn for the rotten job anyway. They do not turn to the relief workers for allies. Maybe the PWUU will have the honor of first approaching the social workers, clerks, and stenographers of LARA in order to form a sympathetic understanding and common program.

### Scabherd Double-Crosses Own Men

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Pearl L. Bergoff, scabby dean of American strikebreakers, has hanged himself with his own rope. Because he double-crossed his own thugs, sent to Georgia during the 1934 textile strike, by holding out on their pay, Bergoff's license to operate his detective agency has been revoked by the state of New York.

### Five Bucks Or Walking Papers

By a Worker Correspondent. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—If you ask me, the Community Chest means that a pistol is shoved in the community's chest and they are made to fork over. I know that in one San Francisco school the principal called all the teachers into a meeting and told them that if any of them gave less than five dollars, their names would be reported.

And this hold up is just to provide "pie-cards" for a lot of snob welfare workers.

### PEDRO CANNERY UNION MEMBERS GET PAY RAISE

#### INCREASING STRENGTH WINS AGREEMENT

By a Cannery Worker.

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—The San Pedro Fish canneries won a 20 per cent wage increase for women and a 12 per cent increase for men. This was gotten as a result of an agreement made by the Fish Cannery Workers' Union, No. 18656 some weeks ago. Until certain demands had been changed and concessions made to the canners, they refused to consider our agreement. But on Oct. 15th the largest cannery, Van Kamp Sea Food Inc., agreed to sign the corrected agreement.

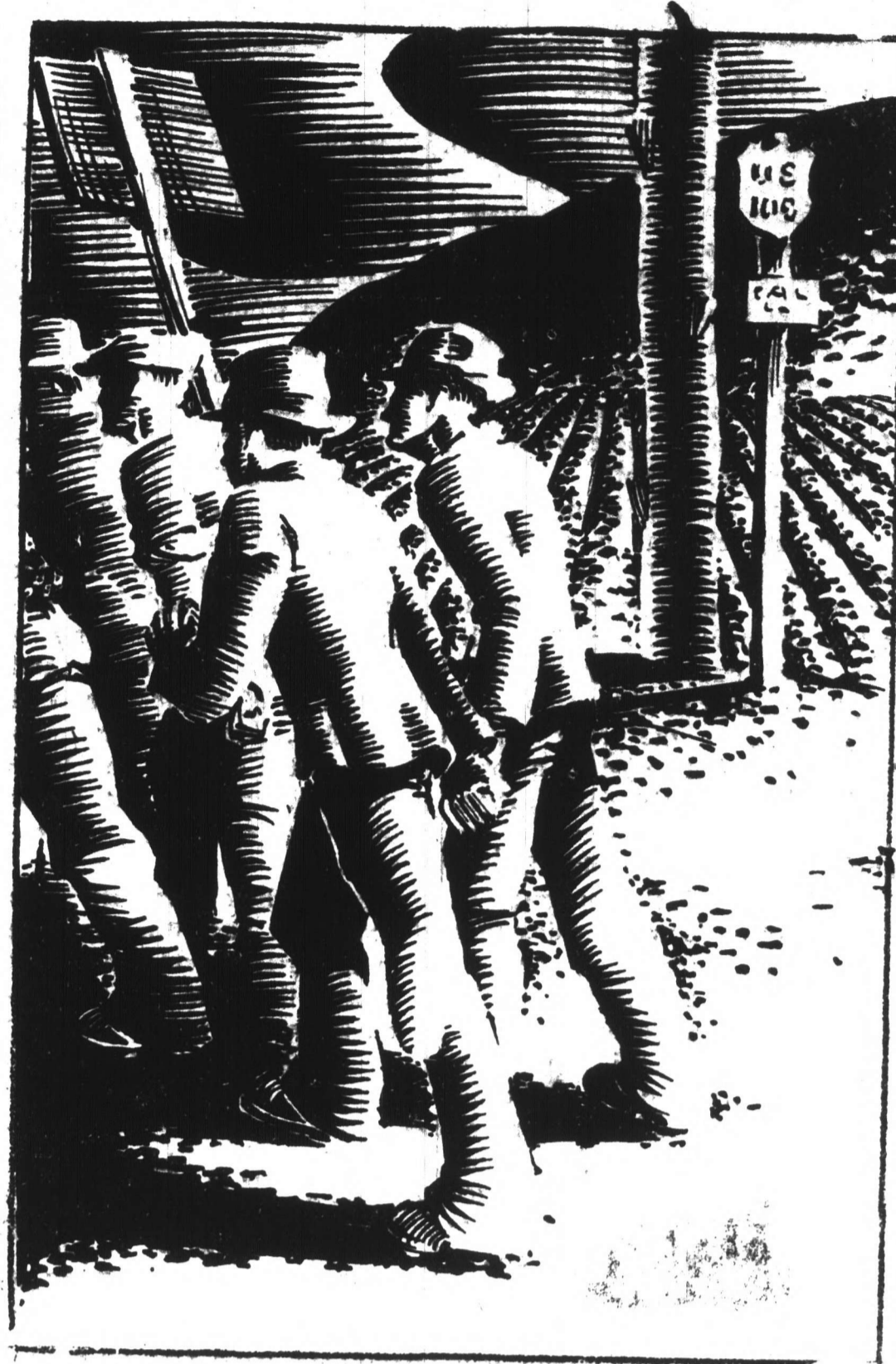
In addition to raising the wages of women from 33 and a third cents per hour and men 40 cents to 40 cents and 45 cents per hour respectively, the union members will be hired when available, and no discrimination against union members will be tolerated.

This victory can mainly be accounted for by the tremendous increases in the membership of the union, which is now one of the largest in San Pedro with an approximate membership of 800.

One of the next steps is to organize the rest of the coast so that the next agreement presented can be a coast-wide one with equal demands for all ports. This will eliminate the danger of fish being packed in other ports because we in San Pedro are getting so much more than the other cannery workers. We must also organize the canneries in San Pedro 100 per cent and enforce our agreement in all the canneries.

Union members: Raise the question of having your delegate to the Central Labor Council support recognition of unemployed organizations.

### "Hunger Marchers . . ."



BY BEAU VINCENT

### Nazis Fail to Break the Seamen

BREAK MUST COME, SAYS GERMAN WORKER

LOS ANGELES.—A letter from a German seaman, written in Antwerp, has been received by a worker here. It portrays quite clearly the growing revolutionary crisis in Nazi Germany. Extracts from it follow, with names and places omitted for obvious reasons:

"Dear Friend: "Received your letter, many thanks. As you see, I am still on the (ship's name) and we are on our way to . . . You asked how I am getting along.

"Well, we are not allowed to write the truth in Germany and in any foreign harbor. We are searched before we leave the ship. We lost four of our comrades in Hamburg. The secret police come on board all the ships, searching everything. Not even a foreign newspaper is allowed on board.

"You cannot walk the streets in

Hamburg without being stopped. We had three secret radio stations in . . . but two were found and destroyed. In spite of all this, we go forward. Now we also have a station in . . . that reaches all Germany. (Friends of our Party work very well, and on the ships we are closely united.)

"Before the ship left, the hell-boys arrested two comrades on board. Yet even more take their place. Our wages are down to 18 marks, and the eats are rotten. The Nazis try to hide everything. The work on the ships is getting harder day by day, and the eats are getting worse and worse.

"We have our own paper on the ship, which is also read by the officers. It is impossible for things to continue this way much longer—a break must come. With all our suffering, we seamen are glad, because the day of our freedom must come.

"We in Hamburg are all united—even some of the officers are on our side."

(Signed with the Hammer and Sickle)

We urge you to send in unit experiences for the proposed Party Work column.

### FIVE AND DIME STORES BEGIN TERRIFIC SPEED-UP CAMPAIGN

MEN IN F. W. WOOLWORTH WAREHOUSE "COMPETE" FOR BONUS OF TEN CENTS PER DAY

(Story from Labor Journalism Class of S. F. Workers' School)

SAN FRANCISCO.—F. W. Woolworth's new plan to speed up workers is herein exposed! Plan instituted at warehouse at 333 Bryant street is nothing but a petty larceny bribe. Men are forced into cut-throat competition for a bonus that amounts to 10 cents per day more. For \$3 a month they plan to speed up the workers. Under this plan the weight and item quotas of various departments will skyrocket.

### Which Comes First In Renting Home?

SERA HAS NEW VERSION OF HEN AND EGG GAG

BERKELEY.—The following case reveals the stupidity and inefficiency with which the SERA is run. Mr. G. asked his social worker to close his case in June as he had found a little work and didn't want relief if he could possibly get along without it.

In October, he asked to have his case re-opened, as the work had ended. He had tried to get other work, hoping to keep off relief, and didn't give in until his last cent was gone.

His social worker promised him a call within 48 hours at the address of an acquaintance on whom he was imposing for a place to sleep. However, she failed to appear. Mr. G. applied to the Public Works and Unemployed Union for assistance, and a committee accompanied him to the SERA office, 1703 University ave. His social worker attempted to dismiss the committee, saying that she had personal business with Mr. G. However, the committee handled his business, and the supervisor, Miss Stone, guaranteed an immediate home call.

This time the social worker arrived. But she informed Mr. G. that he could not be given an allowance in his budget to cover rent because he was not renting a place. She informed him cheerfully that when he rented a room he would be given an allowance to cover this item.

When Mr. G. protested that he could not rent a room until he had some money to rent it with, the social worker replied brightly the SERA rules state that no one can be allowed more rent than he is actually paying, so it was clear that, according to SERA rules, Mr. G. could not be allowed any.

Mr. G. has again called on the PWUU for assistance. The PWUU will take the matter up with the SERA supervisors and insist upon an intelligent flexibility in SERA rules.

Freight unpackers now have a quota of 8000 pounds. Unpack four tons easy, eh! Not as easy as that. Unpacker has an aisle with tables on either side. Freight is dumped in center of his aisle. He opens case, piles merchandise on tables, counts it, sorts it, writes it on unpackers tag, then he has to have it O.K.'ed by foreman. If and when O. K., he packs it in a packing case and sends it down chute to stock room. He then mails the cover on the case, takes it to the scale, weighs it and subtracts the tare weight from the total weight. Boxes vary from five to 60 pounds in weight.

#### \* Hampering the Worker.

Delays occur that necessitate speed and then some, by unpacker. Time is lost if material on table is not O. K.'ed, if he has to wait for freight, or if he has to wait for O. K. on merchandise that is being unpacked. Shortage of stock cases. Full chutes. Last but not least is type of freight that he gets. Stool pigeons and pets get all the gravy, i.e. Hardware, and such. They make their quota. The others get dry goods, notions etc., and believe me, they have one helluva time to make the quota.

Stock room clerks have a quota of two thousand items per day. They cover several miles per day with their flat trucks. All except one makes about 1900 items per day. The star clerk never makes less than 2000 items per day. Some weeks he averages 2200 items per day. Under new plan, for all errors written or otherwise they are penalized ten items per error. They all make errors on average of five per day.

Order clerks in basement formerly had a minimum of 6000 lbs. per day. Now they have to pick 400 items per day. Any number of one article is only one item. Their penalty is also ten items for error written or otherwise. The lowest number of errors for one man per day is two; the highest made by another is 11. There are four clerks who average about seven errors per day.

Order packers are also under same handicaps. They must pack orders to not less than 600 lbs. per day. They also receive various penalties for mistakes.

#### \* For Boss' Sake.

We have four departments competing for what? For a lousy \$12 per month. The employees work for the manager. He gets a nice fat bonus over a certain output minimum at the end of each year. That's how he can afford to be so generous to the tune of \$12 per month.

You are expected to be at your place ready to work 12 minutes before starting time. Woe to the man who is late! The stupid asses who are bosses start the platitudes of, "Don't you like your work?" "Why can't you be here on time?" so on, ad infinitum. If there is freight on the street or a truck to be loaded, then you are expected to stay and work after 5 o'clock from ten minutes to half an hour. They threaten to fire you if you quit at five. These are personal observations by the writer and can be vouched for.

### DAYLIGHT MOVIES SYSTEM INVENTED IN MOSCOW

A method for showing motion pictures during daylight has been invented by Novitski, a member of the faculty of the Moscow Institute of Communal Building. A recent demonstration of the new method in the park of the Central House of the Red Army proved that Soviet cinematography is about to solve a problem which has for many years puzzled Soviet and foreign inventors.

Novitski's method employs a mirror 3 m. by 2.43 m. large, instead of the usual screen. The mirror is surrounded by a deep black frame which prevents the reflection of surrounding objects and provides the mirror with a black background. The ray from the camera passes through a pipe and falls on a canvas screen placed above the mirror. From there the picture is reflected onto the mirror, where it is watched by the spectators.

### WHERE TO GO

ORGANIZATIONS! Get big crowds to your affairs. Advertise them here. Low rates—7c a line, in advance!

### — San Francisco —

DESKS, files, etc., are needed by the Western Worker. Notify the business manager when and where to have materials picked up.

HAYS VALLEY NITE, 121 Haight st. Dance under the Cherry Blossoms. Benefit for Daily Worker. Given by units 4-2 Fillmore. Sunday, Oct. 27, 8 p. m.

ATTENTION! SAVE THIS DATE: SATURDAY, NOV. 16, 1935, SO THAT NO COMPLICATION OCCURS.

ELECTION NITE DANCE and ELECTION RETURNS BY RADIO, at 121 Haight st. Nov. 5th, 8:00 p. m. sharp. Auspices: Music Club and House Committee.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BANQUET. Auspices of Greek Workers' Educational Club, 364 Third street. Sunday, Oct. 27, 8:00 p. m. Admission 50.

### The Bear Lunch

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### Los Angeles

Workers forum, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night—8 p.m. Admission ten cents.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY and DANCE, on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Workers' Center, 2706 Brooklyn ave. International Union, Orchestra. Prizes will be given. Auspices: I.L.U., Section 1.

CELEBRATE 18 YEARS SOVIET POWER—Support Soviet Peace Policy Against War and Fascism. Mason Opera House, 127 So. Broadway, Thursday, Nov. 7th, 7:30 p. m. Good musical program — prominent speaker. Admission 25 cents. Auspices: Communist Party, Los Angeles Section.

KEEP OPEN the 27th of October, for the fifth Annual Concert of the Daily Worker at the Mason Opera House.

### Workers Gypped By Contractors At Hetch Hetchy

PWA JOBS SOLD IN S. F. BY MURRAY AND READY EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

By a Hetch Hetchy Worker.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Waiters on San Francisco's famous Hetch Hetchy dam project are paid 60 bucks per month for a 14-hour day. And they buy their jobs out of Murray and Ready's here at an average price of ten per cent of their first month's pay.

In addition, they are charged \$315 transportation—going and coming. The job is PWA controlled—let out to private contractors.

A buck is taken out of their pay every 12 days for fees to a doctor whom they "probably never see, although they stay on the job until rotten conditions force them to quit.

An average of \$2 per month is taken off their pay for "sales tax" on the food they are supposed to be getting under the heading of board and room.

And the particular job under discussion is contracted by Kahn and Co.

Conditions on the job are rotten. Men are quitting every day because they can't stand the gaff. Murray and Ready's Employment Agency at 786 Howard street tells us we will have to work 11 hours—but we work often more than 14 hours per day.

And when we want to quit, they stall on paying us, until we threaten to do something about it.

This may be one of the reasons Rossi can afford to brag about how he put over the Hetch Hetchy water project for San Francisco.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

### MANUAL FOR FIELD WRITERS

## Writing Up Trials and Campaigns

Tell What Happened, Not What You Think About It—Cooperate With Defense

possible background material so that he can include references to such things in his stories.

\* Feature Stories. Feature stories, biographies of defendants and prosecutors, side-lights that occur in the court, all must be presented to enable the reader to attain a full dramatic picture of the trial and a complete understanding of its background.

Constantly study your reports to date and ask yourself, "Can the reader, from these accounts, get a full understanding of what is going on?" You are right on the scene. It is your job to determine what feature articles are needed.

In the case of long trials, periodically prepare summaries of all proceedings to date for the sake of readers who have not read previous reports.

Get around among the visitors to the courtroom and get as many statements and opinions as you can.

Wherever possible, quote actual dialog and remarks of attorneys, witnesses, judge, etc.

#### \* Information Not Opinion.

Remember, what the reader wants to know is WHAT HAPPENED; NOT WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT IT. He wants the material with which to form an opinion, not advice as to what his opinion should be. It is perfectly all right for you to cite as much historical and background material as you please in order to help him come to the opinion you

believe is correct. But never kid yourself into thinking you are accomplishing anything by saying: "This is just another one of those cases of employers framing up workers." The reader doesn't know whether it is or not and certainly will not take your word for it. You have to tell him on Sept. 28, Mr. Smith, general manager of the Blank Company called up Attorney Williams and told him to do such and such. From such specific information, the reader can see the corruption for himself.

Always work in close cooperation with the defense attorneys and the workers on trial. They can supply you with most important observations that would escape anyone else.

By a campaign one usually thinks of a political campaign. But a drive to raise money, to get Herndon signatures, congresses such as those against war and fascism or the Criminal Syndicalism Law, and even strikes are campaigns.

The first thing to think about when organizing a campaign is to get publicity. The first step to do this is the forming of a publicity committee, which must study the various newspapers to be used and decide what they will print.

Before sending in your publicity for, say, a Criminal Syndicalism Congress, consider the position of the Western Worker editors. They are too busy putting out a paper to dig up your news for you. But

they don't want to fill the paper with a lot of repeat stuff.

#### \* "Dead Stories."

"If you send in a story saying a C. S. Congress is going to be held, great interest is being shown, and a few details about the nefariousness of the law, and repeat the same story each time, the readers will lose interest, the paper will be dead, and the campaign will lose its pep.

The one rule to observe in writing up a campaign is that you must have a NEWS ANGLE TO BEGIN EACH STORY. Dig up and expose some particular racket going on at the time. In, for instance the Labor Ticket campaign in San Francisco, a story revealing some particular piece of graft dug up, or what crime Rossi committed ten years ago, will give an interest to your publicity that will compensate for repeating over and over again for a period of months your call to vote Labor or join the C. S. fight.

#### \* Dig 'Em Up.

If you have no new angle at present, you've got to dig one up. In getting organizations to back your campaign, you will run into all sorts of human interest stories. What the union members say about joining the C. S. fight; their reactions to the fakers who try to sabotage your movement, may make an interesting story. An interview with some leader of the working class whose opinion carries weight is another way to bring a news angle into your story. By following these suggestions, you will avoid the dryness which is the fatal defect of most campaign stories.

## AMERICAN FASCIST MOVIE IS DISGUSTING EVEN TO PAPERS

"Red Salute" Called "Most Embarrassing Chauvinism" by New York Times

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Even the capitalist newspapers are bowing to the dictates of the awakening American masses and find themselves forced to tell the truth about such rotten pictures as "Red Salute." The New York Times, a conservative paper, calls it "one of the weirdest exhibits to come out of Hollywood since that wartime masterpiece, 'The Beast of Berlin'."

This latter film pictured German soldiers crucifying poor Allied soldiers to the walls of barns and tearing sweet nurses to pieces. The Times has to admit that "Red Salute" has "the subtlety of a steamroller and the satirical finesse of a lynch mob."

Other quips are "the film goes in for some of the most embarrassing chauvinism of the decade," "it subscribes to the delightful conceit that one red-blooded American can lick ten foreigners any day in the week," "Red Salute" emerges as a burlesque of the Americanism for which it is presumably battling, and it has "the interesting economic theory that prosperity will return to the land upon the deportation of the university insurgents."

Andre Schenwald, the movie critic of the Times, declares that the director of "Red Salute" made the radical, Hardie Albright, be the "most disagreeable villain of the season," and the student group peopled with extras who are in every way distasteful. The moving picture is advertised in the newspapers as "The grandest comedy shows on Broadway! You'll roar with laughter at the amusing

difficulties of these two young lovers, etc., etc."

But the picture is not humorous at all. Instead it is vicious and lying, a filthy slander on the youth of America. The picture is being picketed with success in New York and city it plays in to stop the motion picture industry from continuing its sneaking attempt to encourage Fascism in this country.

### U. C. Students Hold Symposium on War

BERKELEY, Calif., Oct. 17.—At a symposium on War in Wheeler Hall (U. C. Campus) on Tuesday evening, four members of the debating team of the University of California, Franklin Brown, Morris Hertzog, Nathan Gilbert, and Harley Spitzer, conditions in Soviet Russia were compared quite thoroughly to those of Japan, Italy, Germany and other capitalist nations.

The four speakers agreed that Russia is the only country determinedly opposed to war, and also that all other major countries must have foreign markets in order to survive. The conclusions drawn were that this drive for markets would inevitably embroil the world in another war.

At the same time the speakers pointed out that the Russian people have plenty of material things and are satisfied to continue peacefully to build their Communist state.

Harry Spitzer closed with a plea for a United States of the World and for international peace.

## Books-Pamphlets IN REVIEW

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With the exception of the first and last articles, the entire October issue of the Communist is devoted to reports given at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International.

The Threat of Fascism in the United States, by George Dimitroff, lumps together all references to this country made by Comrade Dimitroff in his by now world famous report. It is by no means a substitute for the entire report, which is now out in 5-cent pamphlet form, but it is valuable in that it treats directly of our own country.

William Z. Foster contributes an article on Fascist Tendencies in the United States, which is extremely pointed and answers lots of questions about Father Coughlin, Hearst, the American Legion and various other would-be fascist gentlemen. Comrade Foster also analyzes the mistakes our party has made in its work of combating the fascist menace in America.

Four important World Congress resolutions are reprinted as is the speech by Blas Roca, Cuban delegate to the Congress.

Nat Ross contributes a valuable and timely article on The Next Steps in Alabama and the Lower South. His is a statistical report, showing the increasing misery of the lower classes in the Cotton Belt and the struggles they—both Negro and white—are making against the landlord and the industrialist.

### Southwest Workers School Started by L. A. Sub-Section

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15.—Class struggle education for Negro and white workers was provided here this week with the establishment of the Southwest Workers' School, on Hooper st., between 51st and 52nd sts., by the Belvedere Sub-Section of the Communist Party.

A book shop and reading room will also be available for workers on the southside. Courses to be taught in the school include History of the American Working Class, to be instructed by Keith; Principles of Communism, to be taught by Freed, and Political Education.

Sympathizers are sponsoring the school to the extent of a voluntary monthly contribution of \$15, having been aroused to the urgent need for such education of the workers while attending similar classes last spring in Hollywood.

## Hearst's Vast Propaganda Machine Upset by Boycott on Movies and Papers

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Oct. 21.—Hollywood News Bureau—William Randolph Hearst is busy figuring out how moves in his Fascist game with the American working class.

Rumors persist along the West Coast, given voice by the Hollywood Reporter, film trade daily, directly following Fortu's publication of the Hearst article, that the tycoon of chauvinism has made up his mind to leave the State of California, to sell the famous San Simeon ranch near San Luis Obispo.

But a number of important factors make it necessary that the story be given credence. First, Hearst's latest tie-up with the Warner brothers, though productive of a number of anti-working class pictures, is not out-and-out Fascist enough to suit the publisher; second, dwindling circulation of all Hearst newspapers due to the working class boycott makes it imperative that the "monster" remain in closer contact with its top editors and advisors; third, the impending European imperialist war which Hearst is fostering with all his might, plus the national economic unrest, calls for new Hearst tactics which must be handled from the East; fourth, internal factional fights within the Hearst organization demand his immediate attention.

\* Estate Worth \$25,000,000.

As a matter of fact, the San Simeon ranch has not been in use for the past few months. Hearst spending all of his time at the "Wynnton" ranch which holds the "little Bavarian village," at the foot of Mt. Cloud near Shasta. This ranch was formerly owned and used by Hearst's mother, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. San Simeon, which covers an area of 1250 square miles, is said to have a value of \$25,000,000, including the famous collection of paintings, silverware and objects d'art.

## 25 DAYS IN SAN QUENTIN

A True Story

By Craig

Through the great gates of the West's famous prison. Across the "beautiful" yard and into the Prison office. Steps, not weary, not springy, but anxious. What is it like?

Name, age, and is that all? How many times have they asked name and age? A machine, or instruments tell the physical secrets of the prisoner. But questions—hundreds of them day after day for over a week are asked.

A picture is taken—then, front and side view. Then a pair of barber clippers greedily shave the head. Two more pictures of the prisoner are taken. Then issue of prison clothing. A march to the cell. The two cell bunks immaculately white and clean. The cell, seven feet long, clean so clean there seems to be no life at all. The other prisoner, initiated long ago into the prison routine, is at work somewhere in the confines of the prison area.

Out in the yard, all new inmates are to be allowed a week or so to get used to the "feel" of San Quentin. Taken again to the office. More questions. Your father and mother? Your early life; boyhood, young manhood? Your trade. Union man? Just a million questions. Back to the cell.

Four o'clock. The thousands of prisoners file into their cubby-hole "homes."

Four thirty: supper. What is it like? Not good, not bad. One buys sugar from the commissary once a month.

Guards lined high on the walls look eagerly for any misdeed. What? Oh, they shoot from their high places on the wall. To kill. No. Shots ring out. Screams and a prisoner, or prisoners, grab at bleeding legs. Bullets tear at flesh and bone. Commotion, loud talking, hurried, muffled whispering. Then dead silence. What happened? The searching eyes of a guard saw the beginning of a fight. Bullets ended what might have been a riot so the report goes.

Back to the cells. Reading and talking 'till nine. Lights out.

Up at 5:45 a. m. Breakfast at 6:15; to work in the jute mill at seven.

The jute mill. They have Pat Chambers, Al Hongrudy, Jack Crane, there. Now they have Canales from Jackson, Amador County, in the jute mill. Yeah, he just came in. On May 8th. Don't ask why. Of course he is a militant leader of his Union. Sure. He and Monty Workman. Where is Monty? They tried them separately, I think. Canales? O, one to five.

The rap? I said he was a fighting leader of his Union. Starvation wages; rotten working conditions—you know why we get in here. The bosses are getting afraid. Scared. The working class of the world is learning. Knowing more day by day because of the 'Reds'? Not before he came here. Now? Sure and damned proud of it!

Back to the jute mill. None too good light. It's the terrible dust that gets you. Lungs burn out trying to pass off the damnable dust. Can't take the dust. Look at those poor devils. Pale, breathing short. It hurts to breathe. And the Criminal Syndicalism boys. The militant leaders of the working class have a new victim as their aid.

You "can" the greatest prisoner of all times. Who? There is Jim McNamara. And Tom Mooney. Guts! Yes comrades. And let the bosses try and break through the ranks of the workers! Where one goes down a dozen come up.

Eleven-thirty a. m. Dinner. Not good, not bad.

Out to work 'till four. Supper four-thirty. Then to the cell. Smoke? No cigarettes—no cigars. Pipe or you can chew. One sack of makh's a week. Allowed \$6.00 a month. Once a month to the commissary with order for luxuries: candy, sugar, tobacco, butter, cheese, salami. Not much variety.

Geetz, I hear Canales is going out today. The hell you say? He's only been here 25 days. How? Writ of habeas corpus. Yeah, George Andersen sprung him.

It must have been a stinking frameup. Why? A man does 25 days then goes out. His charge. Carrying deadly weapons in his car, and something else. And he got one to five? And out now? Jesus, talk about frame-up. Andersen knows his stuff. Then again something wrong. It was too glaringly lousy for even Jackson to take.

Out of San Quentin into the Jackson jail. Down to San Francisco. Fighting now in the Communist Party! Leadership to learn. To teach. To win a new and better world.

### Cotton Wages Down

DALLAS, Tex.—(FP)—Eight relief clients have been dropped from the rolls of Dallas county because they refused to pick cotton at the starvation rate offered by the landlords. Since the opening of the government labor bureau the relief administrators have cooperated with landlords by forcing clients to work at the wage offered, or starve.

## AFL PREDICTS LOW WAGES TO CAUSE CRISIS

UNEMPLOYMENT EXCEEDS LAST YEAR

WASHINGTON—(FP)—At the bottom of the depression, we produced enough to maintain the standard of 1898; since then we have recovered to the level of 1905.

That is the picture of America's return to normalcy drawn by the October Monthly Survey of Business bulletin of the American Federation of Labor.

While unemployment has shown some decrease in Europe, in the United States the present 11,000,000 jobless outnumber the unemployed of a year ago, the bulletin's statistics show.

Figures for the first eight months of 1935 are no more encouraging, and frequently repeated predictions of coming prosperity are without material basis, the bulletin finds. An 8 per cent rise in production in the first two-thirds of the year brought no increase in employment and buying power, and a 5 per cent uptick in wages was more than offset by a 59 per cent jump in the cost of living.

In the present upturn in business production, the lack of a firm foundation of workers' buying power is seen as the weak link in the chain leading to future prosperity. "Such an expansion," the bulletin forecasts, "when it greatly exceeds buying power, can only end in collapse, even if the downturn is postponed for several years."

### San Diego Official Raps Dictatorship Of Ruling Classes

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 13.—"We have been taught we are all free and equal, yet the nation is rapidly being divided into classes with the government's agencies telling each class what it can have to eat."

This was the statement made by the chairman of the county supervisors, Edgar E. Hastings, recently at the meeting of that body at which higher budgets for state old age pensions were approved.

The old age security budgets approved provide that single men getting \$25.50 to \$26.50 will be raised to \$30.50 and \$32 per month. Single women from \$25.50 to \$33. While couples who got \$15.50 will get \$55.

But according to Julius Rainwater, county welfare director, these new figures are maximums, and he intimated that all aged clients would not get the maximum budgets.

## Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

### FAKES AND FRAUDS

CLAYTON E. WHEELER, M. D.: (That in exposing frauds we do not limit ourselves to non-medicines will be shown in this exposure.)

The actions of this physician illustrate that there is often more money in passing off fakes on the public than there is in selling honest medical service. However, we must remember that Dr. Wheeler is only an extreme expression of the fakery which is carried on more or less by most physicians under the present money-grabbing system.

For years Wheeler has advertised widely in Los Angeles and San Francisco newspapers and in booklets puffing himself and his "medicines." These are supposed to be for the purpose of glandular rejuvenation (to make men young again). The products were also supposed to cure a variety of other diseases, including angina pectoris (a serious heart disease).

Wheeler himself has suffered from this disease for several years. But instead of using the treatment that he advises for other people he relies on the usual, accepted treatment.

Wheeler claims that his medicine contains 10 and three quarter grains of various animal glands. However, when analyzed it was found to contain only one and one half grains of animal substance, most of which was "bustle."

In one of his advertising booklets he shows pictures of what he calls his "experimental laboratory" for goat serums. As a matter of fact, these are actually pictures of the drug manufacturing plant of A. E. Schmidt Company in San Francisco, which is neither an experimental laboratory nor has it anything to do with goat serums. Needless to say, Wheeler's expensive course of "treatment" has no more value than two cents' worth of hamburger.

CATALYN: A fake exploited by the Vitamin Products Company. Wild claims are made that it will absolutely cure most of the serious diseases. It consists mainly of

sugar. Its only action could be from different glugs, and milk wheat bran, wheat starch, material that of a mild physic and tonic.

CLARA ROSS, Inc.: This company sells what it claims are cures for sinus trouble, hay fever, and stomach disorders.

The "wonderful discovery" sold as treatment for sinusitis at, of course, a relatively high price, consists of a mild-physic taken internally and a liquid to be sprayed into the nostrils, consisting of several ordinary substances. In certain instances this treatment might even prove harmful.

The "entirely different" treatments sold for hay fever and "stomach trouble" consists also of well known, cheap substances, which might deaden some of the symptoms, but are by no means a cure.

### Trade Union Rolls Drop in 15 Years

NEW YORK.—Average paid-up membership of the A. F. of L. in the year ended Aug. 31, 1935, was 3,045,347 compared with an average of 2,608,011 a year ago, and with the peak figure, 4,078,740 in 1920, fifteen years ago. During the same 15 years the membership of trade unions in the Soviet Union rose from 5,222,000 to over 19,500,000. It is the strongest trade union organization in the world.

### L. A. Labor Council Asks Boycott of Nazi-Made Goods

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14.—Use of German-made goods by the Los Angeles School Board was accused here last Friday, as the Central Labor Council endorsed a resolution boycotting all Nazi manufactures.

Endorsement of the bond issues to be asked for in a coming election by the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light was also given by the Council, although a delegate from the Bookbinders spoke against it on the basis that the Bureau of Power and Light uses scab labor.

Building Trades delegates supported the endorsement on the ground that the passing of the bonds would give work to their union members over a period of one and one-half years.

Progress in organizing throughout Los Angeles was reported by a delegate from the Cooks and Waiters' Union.

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## ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

By Peters.

Newsdealers were bewildered by the speed with which a current national liberal weekly disappeared from their stands until they noted that it featured an article on one of California's most widely known lawyers, Leo Gallagher, able attorney for the International Labor Defense. The writer, Gary McWilliams, is himself a young Los Angeles attorney.

McWilliams refutes, unequivocally, opponents of Gallagher who seek to discredit him by maintaining that he is a "rabble rouser without education or training." Not only does he point out that Gallagher has a law degree from Yale but also that he later won a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Innsbruck, one of the two Jesuit institutions at which he spent, in all, six years preparing for the priesthood.

One of the many delights contained in the article is the fact that Gallagher, who later successfully defended Tom Mooney on one of the old indictments that had never been dismissed, was a rookie in a unit which took part in the famous Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco. He was convinced then that Mooney was guilty. "At that time," he now says, "I didn't know what a frame-up was."

McWilliams reviews Gallagher's long career which includes office as assistant city attorney of El Paso, Tex., his family home, war service and years of teaching in law school, and concludes that Gallagher is not just another liberal lawyer. The charge that "Gallagher convicts his own clients," is absurd, he says, because in reality he has made a good record. The real reason for the charge is the fact that Gallagher "does not flatter the courts by assuming their impartiality."

He brings class issues into the courtroom and never permits judge, jury or audience to ignore them. In Sacramento, for example, few observers believed in the impartiality of Judge Dal M. Lemmon by the time the trial was concluded.

The writer points to the record Gallagher made, first in 1933 when he polled 70,000 votes for municipal court judge in Los Angeles and more recently when he received 242,313 votes in his campaign for associate justice of the California supreme court, this time without benefit of funds, any sort of campaign, or even the support of Upton Sinclair, as a testimony of the deep impression he has made by his methods.

ANITA WHITNEY

A judge who has risen rapidly from the ranks of obscure lawyers to a place on the superior court

bench by the route of "Merriam appointment" will hear the case of Anita Whitney on charges of perjury, it now appears.

Miss Whitney will appear before this judge, Elmer Robinson, on Oct. 29, to have the date of her trial set.

Judge Robinson was one of Governor Merriam's campaign managers in the last gubernatorial election. He was appointed to the municipal court bench when the first vacancy arose three months ago and was promoted to the superior court just one month ago.

NOTE: Protests in the Whitney case should now be directed to Superior Judge Elmer Robinson, Hall of Justice, San Francisco.

L. L. D. members and sympathizers who have been staying away from the Tom Mooney hearing at the Hall of Justice because of the lack of seats at the outset will be interested to know that there are plenty of seats available now. They should be filled at every session to let the world know that there is no slacking of interest on the part of the workers.

Elaine Black, L. L. D. secretary, went to San Quentin Thursday to see Jim MacNamara but was denied admittance by Warden Holohan, who said MacNamara had been permitted no visitors for three months "He is getting along swell without visitors," the warden put in, "and can stand a couple more months!"

Miss Black then was given permission to see Henry Silva, one of the Modesto boys framed by the Standard Oil company, and she urges all comrades to put these men on their mailing lists for they are anxious for news from "outside."

The L. L. D. urges that all friends and members, as well as working class organizations send protests to Warden Holohan and the Prison Board demanding the restoration of all rights to Jim MacNamara (oldest class war prisoner in the world from point of time served in prison) as well as the recognition of the status of political prisoners and rights for the Sacramento C. S. victims, the Modesto boys, etc.

To bring about a mass campaign for the recognition of status of political prisoners for all workers who are imprisoned because of their working class activities—the San Francisco City Committee of the L. L. D. is planning to call a conference in the month of November of all liberal, union, professional organizations and individuals—a national campaign is also being launched by the National Committee of the L. L. D.

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## Angelo Herndon Is Your Business

One of the traditional credos of this country is that Americans "mind their own affairs and let the next fellow look after his." We pride ourselves on never "butting into anybody else's business."

When a young Negro can be arrested in the South for leading a demonstration of Negro and white unemployed, when he can be brought to trial on an ancient "slave revolt" law dating back to 1866 and sentenced to 18 to 20 years on the chain-gang; that is more than his business. That is a challenge to every decent minded citizen in America.

We spent our school days pledging allegiance to the American flag and chanting that it stood for: "One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

When the wealthy, property owning section of the populace can use the courts as instruments of suppression and intimidation against the working class, then the word "indivisible" becomes a myth.

When a case like that of Angelo Herndon can occur right under our noses, "liberty and justice for all" becomes an insulting mockery.

This is very much your business.

A great deal more than "national pride" is involved here. The Georgia capitalists who want to jail Herndon are not hateful against him as an individual. To them he is a symbol of organized working class power which challenges their absolute domination. They are not concerned with what Angelo Herndon can or cannot do. They are vitally concerned about what the entire working class of America can or cannot do. They are challenging, not his rights as an individual but our rights as a class.

The U. S. Supreme Court has refused to review the case and has ordered Herndon to surrender to the chain gang on Oct. 24.

The voice of capital has grown through the legal apparatus they control.

It is now necessary that the voice of the American people speak directly from homes, shops, offices and fields.

Wire or airmail your protest immediately to the U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C. Demand that as servants of the people, they review the case and reverse the decision of the Georgia Courts.

Also protest to Governor Talmadge, Atlanta, Ga., demanding that he use his authority to free Herndon.

"A nation has the right to change its form of government since the people who constitute a society or nation are the source of all authority in that nation."—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

## Arbitration

Arbitration, in principle, is wrong. It is a weapon of the bosses.

The capitalist system, too, is wrong in principle. But no sensible person would advocate suicide as a means of avoiding the unpleasant features of a system that is wrong in principle. Class-conscious workers organize and when the time is ripe they toss the system over the side, as the Russian workers did in 1917.

The shipowners have refused to grant the Seamen a single one of the amendments to the award suggested months ago by the I.S.C. negotiations committee. But the shipowners do not ask for arbitration of these amendments because they know that whatever happens, the Seamen stand to gain concessions.

The shipowners ask for arbitration only when they are certain the results will be favorable to them. They organize for arbitration.

On the other hand, the Seamen have not yet achieved that coast-wise unity which would guarantee solidarity of action in case of a major strike. The A. F. of L. bureaucrats, working hand in hand with the shipowners, have done everything in their power to prevent this unity from becoming a fact.

For the Seamen to refuse even to request arbitration at this time would be neglect of opportunity and would be playing into the hands of the shipowners who certainly have shown by their actions these last few months that they do not necessarily fear a strike.

Furthermore, the Seamen have nothing to lose by arbitration since it is the amendments, and not the award itself, that would be arbitrated. The basic gains won last year still stand.

Arbitration is a bosses' weapon but there is nothing to prevent us from using this weapon against the shipowners to win at least a part of our demands.

Arbitration is a necessary evil which we accept provisionally. Meanwhile we must intensify our work in building our ranks more solidly, in preparation for future struggle.

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## Reality Crashes the Gate Of the A. F. of L.

The reactionary crust of the American Federation of Labor officialdom is beginning to crack under the strain of enormous pressure from below. Hitherto, the undisputed gavel of William Green banged a mechanical, meaningless tattoo, punctuating the carefully rehearsed anecdotes and pompous blustering of "professional" labor leaders.

Today the annual convention at Atlantic City must face and digest controversial and vital issues under the watchful eyes of millions of rank and file workers throughout the nation. New forces are entering the ranks of officialdom and the insistent demands of the men cannot be ignored.

Is the power of organized labor to increase, to go forward, to adopt new forms to meet new needs,—to protect itself in the political as well as the economic field?

The millions who constitute the rank and file of the unions, say YES.

The old line, "professional" officials like Green, who follow the line, "The interests of the employer and the interests of labor are the same," say NO.

The fight centers on three main issues: Industrial Unionism, the Labor Party, and the Red-Scare.

The convention polled 10,924 votes for Industrial Unionism against 18,025 for Craft Unionism. This by no means represents a defeat. To the contrary, it indicates the rapidly increasing strength of the movement toward more effective organization—more power. It represents a tremendous set-back for the reactionary forces which for years have maintained control over the conventions.

Efforts of the reactionary bloc to boom the red-scare met with such opposition that Matthew Woll, one of the most notorious red-baiters in the A. F. of L., was forced to resign from the "National Civic Federation," an organization devoting itself to suppression of radicals.

Reports now indicate that reactionaries will be lucky if they can railroad through even a vague resolution "deploring Communism."

A dozen resolutions favoring a Labor Party have been introduced and it is expected these will result in heated controversy between progressive and reactionary factions.

Outstanding among developments at this convention is the support given by several "old-line" labor leaders to the progressive factions. Chief among these are John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers, and President Charles Howard of the International Typographical Union.

Whatever motives might underlie this support, the fact remains it is indicative of the growing power of progressive forces.

## Forty-Five to Sixty Years For Organization

There are cases recorded in the annals of ancient "justice" of men being beheaded for stealing chickens.

Civilization had to advance to 1935 to record the case of three miners sentenced to virtual life imprisonment for organizing a union.

You haven't read anything about it in the capitalist press. A cautious conspiracy of silence was thrown around the shameful trial in Aztec, New Mexico.

The laws of America are still too liberal to permit the open prosecution of working men for exercising their constitutional rights. So these men, together with seven others, were arrested and charged with murder in connection with the shooting of Sheriff Carmichael during the confusion which resulted when authorities broke up a demonstration. Two unemployed workers were also shot at that demonstration. None of the workers were armed. The bullets that killed Carmichael were traced to the guns of his own deputies who had been firing right and left carelessly.

601 workers were arrested after the affair. All were released but ten, the leaders and organizers of the union that waged the Gallup mine strike of 1933. The town is owned and controlled by the Gallup American Coal Company.

No effort was made in the trial or preliminary events to conceal that these men were being prosecuted for their working class activities. Representatives of the International Labor Defense, which defended the workers, were kidnapped and beaten. Vigilante terrorism was waged against all workers who raised their voices in protest.

No evidence was presented at the trial to show that these men had murdered anyone. Yet sheerly on basis of prejudice and red-scare, three convictions were obtained. Ochoa, Avitia and Velarde have been sentenced to 45 to 60 years in the penitentiary. Five of those acquitted are to be deported. The other two are still held on charges of "aiding a prisoner to escape."

The International Labor Defense immediately filed notice of appeal and calls on all organizations and individuals to send protests to Governor Clyde Tingley at Santa Fe, N. M., demanding release of the three miners. Protests should also be made to the Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., to halt the deportations.

Funds for the appeal may be sent to Frank L. Palmer, secretary-treasurer, National Gallup Defense Committee, 41 East 20th st., New York City.

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## Party Life

### Importance of Better Work Amongst the Women

#### RECRUITING WOMEN INTO THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The recruiting drive in which we are now engaged marks a definite advance over the drives which have hitherto been conducted. We are not blindly "getting members," any kind, anywhere. On the contrary, our quota have been set carefully on the basis of what KIND of people we must draw into the Party, which groups it is most necessary to win over to our program.

Particularly important is the necessity for broadening our work amongst the women and bringing them, especially the working women, into the revolutionary movement.

The percentage of women in our Party is very small, and yet we find our women comrades are amongst our most active and effective workers.

Large numbers of women are found in the industries and the trade unions, often doing the same work, under the same conditions, but at much lower wage levels than men. And it must be remembered that in the event of war women play an important role through their work in munitions plant and factories.

Many of the trade unions, as, for example, the laundry workers, have a membership predominantly composed of women. In addition to this, large numbers of unions have "Women's Auxiliaries," in which we will find the wives and sisters of the trade union members.

Obviously, it is necessary that their influence should be used for the advantage of the trade union and working class movement. It is preferable that these women should play an active and constructive part during strike struggles, rather than that they remain passive, or, worse still, actually hinder the activity through lack of understanding.

This is true not only of those women, whom we will find in organizations, but of all housewives. By bringing them into our Party, we win more than single recruits. We are strengthening our work amongst the men, and opening up a channel of approach to the youth.

In order to do this effectively, it is necessary that careful consideration be given to the best methods of reaching them on the basis of their own particular problems and involving them in struggles. Our section committees, our units, our trade union groups must discuss this question—not mechanically, but in a constructive manner.

In San Francisco Section, a great number of women will be contacted during the United Labor Ticket Campaign. This issue in itself is an excellent base for starting organizational activity amongst them.

#### HOW THE Y. C. L. CAN HELP THE PARTY

Three weeks ago the Downtown sub-Section of San Francisco Section assigned all comrades under 25 years of age to help in the Young Communist League work and build the Y. C. L. into a real mass organization. We gave them names and addresses of the comrades. What happened? Did they attend any Y. C. L. unit meetings? Were they contacted? Were they assigned to units? No! The Downtown organizer checked on the leading comrades in the Y. C. L. to find out what is the matter and why these comrades are not assigned to their posts.

What are the excuses? The same as they gave two years ago. A little political speech and insulting remarks about somebody else but not a single word of self-criticism and a real check-up on the unit buros and especially the section committee to have a responsible comrade in each unit who is willing to do such a job.

I realize that the Y. C. L. is very important not only to the Party but to the whole working class. To fight fascism we must have a strong Y. C. L. My opinion is that not only should the Party cooperate with the Y. C. L. but the Y. C. L. should also cooperate with the Party.

D. T. Sub-Section Organizer.

Circulate the Western Worker in your union and fraternal organizations.

## New Mexico Landscape



## The Three Gallup Victims

### Biographies of Workers Railroaded by the Coal Operators

The Western Worker presents the first of three biographies of the three Gallup workers, convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 45 to 60 years at hard labor, in spite of the jury's recommendation of clemency. The state of New Mexico, acting in the interests of the coal operators, railroaded them to jail after the killing of a sheriff by his own deputy when firing into an orderly crowd of workers at an eviction trial.

#### JUAN OCHOA

If there is a single Gallup working class leader whom the "authorities" are specially determined to railroad to a life term or the electric chair, it is Juan Ochoa. Perhaps the most effective of all the Gallup workers' leaders, He speaks perfect Spanish and perfect English, has a lively intelligence that detects immediately the slitting and confusion tactics of the capitalists and exposes them to the rank and file, is fearless in struggle, is in the most important position (acting section organizer of the C.P.) for effective leadership of the workers.

Ochoa was born in Hillsboro, N. M., a mining town, in 1900. His father was a miner, his mother a New Mexico ranch woman. He got his first job at the metal mines at Kelly, N. M., as a welder for the Ozark Company, and soon after became a pumpman's helper for the Empire Zinc Co. at the age of 16. In 1918 this company shut down, and Juan went to Albuquerque. There he did odd jobs for a truck line and common labor for the local water company. In 1919 he was working in the railroad shops at La Junta, Colo., and the following year was a common laborer in the rail mill of the Rockefeller steel plant, Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., in Pueblo, Colo.

#### \* Joined Union.

In 1921 he became of age and a coal digger and first joined a union—the United Mine Workers of America, at Florence, Fremont County, Colo. Ochoa was a member of the mine committee of the union.

He was at this mine on and off for several years. It was here he married Isabel Martin, daughter of an Anglo-American father and Spanish-American mother, in 1924. His first child, a boy, Richard, was born in Florence in 1926. The second child, Stella, is two years younger, and was born at Madrid, N. M.

In 1930 he went to work for the Allison mine, and along with all Gallup workers, suffered three pay-cuts in succession and rapidly worsening conditions.

#### \* Strike Experience.

He was working at the Mentmore mine (owned by the Albuquerque owners of the Madrid mine) near Gallup in 1933, when as a result of the passage of the NIRA, the company tried to form a company union. Ochoa actively opposed this move, and the workers at Mentmore rose and left the company meeting. He joined the National Miners Union and threw himself into militant activity in support of the strike. He was invaluable as an interpreter and translator, a faithful picket, and in the later stages (after one period of imprisonment in the stockade for attending a forbidden mass meeting) became a member of the rank and file committee that met with Major Moore, NRA mediator, to protest the jailing of the strike leaders. Ochoa was also one of the committee that journeyed to Santa Fe to protest the jailing of the leaders. In short, he was one—and one of the most valuable—of the rank

and file leadership developed in the strike struggle.

After the strike he was black-listed, in spite of the "agreement," and threw himself into organization work with the unemployed as well as joining the International Labor Defense. As a delegate from the Unemployed Miners' Union, he attended the state Unemployment Conference in Santa Fe in February, 1934, and was there elected a member of the state committee of unemployed workers. That summer he was doing FERA work and participated, as a member of the strike committee, in the 100 per cent successful strike against a 30 per cent cut, as a result of which Gallup preserved the highest work relief wage rate in the southwest.

#### \* Election Tour.

In the same summer Ochoa was on an election tour for the Communist Party and was arrested in Santa Fe for attacking the NRA. But as a result of mass protests in Santa Fe, the state police, who had ordered the arrest, failed even to attend the hearing to press the charges, and he was released.

Late in the year Ochoa at last managed to get a job—with the Southwestern mine, but this lasted only till January, 1935, when he returned to FERA work. On April 1 he was interpreter at the mass meeting at which the National Union members (who had already long ago indicated their determination in separate meetings of the locals) were organized into the United Mine Workers of America for the purpose of achieving 100 per cent worker unity in the Gallup field.

Though Juan was never in the alley or in sight of the shootings, he was repeatedly "identified" as present. Why? Because, as Undersheriff Dee Roberts testified at the preliminary hearing, Juan Ochoa "was always there, up in the front ranks" of all the workers' struggles. That is the only crime for which Ochoa is being held today: being in the front rank of the workers' efforts to better their conditions of life and work. At the preliminary hearing it was obvious that the frame-up was being specially directed against Ochoa. Witnesses who were extremely vague, lying, contradictory and confused about other matters, were quick to "identify" Ochoa in the alley.

## Workers Singing Is Crime in Michigan

DETROIT.—(FP)—Sen. Dunckel, whose anti-labor bill became law in Michigan a few months ago, is on the war path again. He charges that girls at a Michigan Young Women's Christian Ass'n summer camp in 1932 and 1933 sang workers' songs, and seeks to have the camp placed on the blacklist. The girls sang the Internationale and Solidarity Forever from officially printed Y.W.C.A. song-books, Dunckel charges.

## World Events

### Canadian Vote Was Reaction Against Conservatives

The debacle of the Bennett Conservative government was the worst in the history of federal governments of Canada. Only 41 Conservatives were elected to a House of Commons of 245 members, or less than one-sixth of the total, compared with four-sixths elected in 1930.

But the result was only to bring back to power Mackenzie-King and the Liberal Party, who were thrown out of office in 1930 by a depression-worried electorate by a vote only slightly less emphatic in its verdict than the recent judgment of the Bennett regime.

While the Liberal Party secured the great bulk of the votes, the left-wing organizations made large gains. The Communist vote grew five times, to 30,000. About 300,000 votes were cast for various labor candidates. The reformist Co-operative Commonwealth Federation worked with the Communist Party, in local united fronts, but it lived to regret that it turned down the united front on a nation-wide scale until the last minute.

#### \* Change of Heart.

L. S. Woodworth, Cooperative leader, in his final tour from Vancouver started out denouncing the Communists. By the time he reached Toronto he was saying, "We welcome the assistance of the Communists." But this change of heart was too late to change the result of the vote.

Travesty, certainly. But the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, production-for-use group, could not have formed a government if all its candidates had been elected. Only eight of them were.

The Reconstruction Party, formed by Harry Stevens, expelled member of the Bennett cabinet, to defend small business men, polled a respectable vote for its 176 candidates, but Stevens alone was elected. The new Social Credit Party cut deeply into the Alberta United Farmer territory of the C. C. F. and elected 17 members.

How interpret the popular vote? It would seem a vote of resentment, protest, dissatisfaction—the expression of a mood to hit back at the government and hurt—an emotional vote.

#### \* No Constructive Policy.

The Liberals had no real constructive policy, no offer of a way out of the people's dilemma. Leader King declared in one breath he was all for liberty and laissez faire, the right of business to manage its affairs; in the next breath he was talking vaguely about industrial democracy, the right of the workers and consumers to have a say in the management of industry.

King's tactic evidently was: "Make few commitments and let Bennett have all the rope he wants and he will hang himself and the Conservative Party." Bennett's meetings showed that the depression had not swamped the good nature of the people. He attracted unprecedented audiences, and had to submit to such a barrage of heckling as all the premiers of Canada put together never had to face. While skillful in parrying thrusts, Bennett's attitude, nevertheless, was one of: "Buy my wares, you idiots."

Bennett's glowing speeches (rumored ghost-written) last January about a new social order to remove the people from the dangers of a complete collapse of competitive capitalism, were soon repudiated, as he changed his line to support of British Empire trade agreements and self-congratulation on his courage and foresight in saving Canada from the Bolsheviks. Though his mounted police had broken up peaceful jobless marchers' meetings in Regina, Bennett set himself up as the preserver of liberty, happiness and democracy.

Was it the wild demagoguery of an utterly unscrupulous politician or the hysteria of a multi-millionaire frightened by the future that caused Bennett, near the close of his campaign, to shout: "Vote for my party, vote for home and liberty, vote for country and God!" Who knows?

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